

# Author's Purpose

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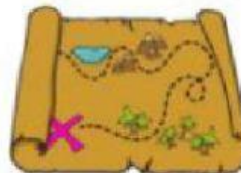


Please let me be a pirate for Halloween! I love pirates and I already have most of the things I need for the costume. None of the other kids will be dressed as pirates so I won't look like anyone else. I know you already have my clown costume, but being a pirate would be awesome.



Blackbeard was a pirate. In the 1700's he was the captain of his own ship. He attacked cargo and passenger ships. He spent many years robbing ships. In 1718 he died during a sword fight.

Joey finds an old map in the attic. He pretends it's a treasure map. He puts on his pirate hat and follows the map. He digs a hole in the yard but doesn't find any treasure. Instead he finds a bone that his dog Zeus had buried!



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