EFFECTIVE SEARCHING WITH Google New Zealand

MY QUESTIONS

1. What is a Pirate and how did they come to be?
2. Why were Pirates feared so much by other ships and their crews?
3. When did Piracy dissapear, or has it?

STEP 1: WHAT ARE MY KEY WORDS?

QUESTION 1:   pirate history origin or I could use "pirate history"

> Results 1 - 10 of about 28,900 for "**pirate** **history**". (0.02 seconds)

(**Hint** using speech marks "" means the words must be together on the webpage for it to be included in your results)

If I used a broad key word like 'Pirates' I would end up with pages including information about movies, sports teams and online shopping. ***86 million sites.***

> Results 1 - 10 of about **86,000,000** for **pirates** [definition]. (**0.19** seconds)

SURFING THE RESULTS

When your search results appear you need to decide which one will be a useful website. Look through the titles and key words (these may be bold) to see whether the site is relevant.
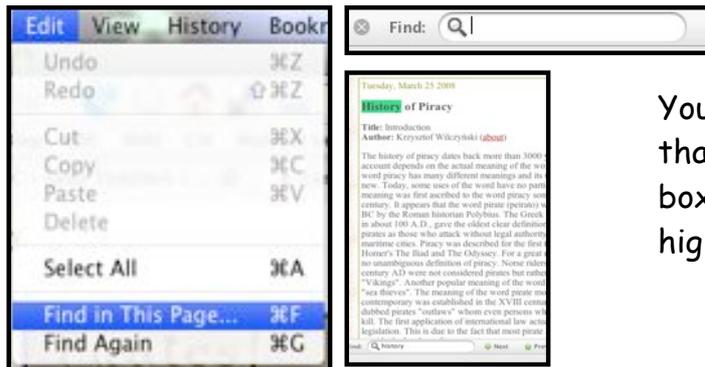
> Pirates Site
> Pirates information, history of piracy and pirates, famous pirates. For pirate fans: piracy and learning about pirates,
> www.piratesinfo.com/ - 11k - Cached - Similar pages
>
> Pirates!: Fact
> **Pirate history**, pirate news, this is a comprehenisive web site created for learning a great deal about piracy.
> www.piratesinfo.com/pirate_fact.html - 29k - Cached - Similar pages

SURFING THE WEBPAGE

When you have decided on the website you want to further explore it's time to **SURF** the contents.

- Look for bold lettering, underlined text, headings and link buttons.
- You could also use the 'Find on this page' tool.

You will see that any words that you have put in you FIND box will appear with green highlighting.

- Skim read the page to decide whether this information will help you to answer your question.

- Read the relevant (helpful) information from the page.
- Does this information help me answer my question?

SLURPING THE WEBPAGE

- If the webpage will help you to answer your question it is time to SLURP.
- Read the information carefully.
- After you have read the appropriate information it is time to take notes.
- Don't forget to write down your websites (these are your sources).
- Remember that you need to use triangular validation (3 sources).
- Any one can put information on the Internet so we need to make sure that the information we get is reliable.

SUMMARISING INFORMATION

Choose the relevant and important information and write it into your own words. This means that you don't copy the information straight off the Internet. You need to have read it carefully so that you understand the information and can use the information in your learning.

Have you answered your question?

Our first question was…

1. What is a Pirate and how did they come to be?

The key words we used were "pirate history". We used speech marks so that GOOGLE looked for pirate history together to refine our search.

After we surfed, and slurped the information we summarised it into our own words to answer our question

WEBSITE INFORMATION

History of Piracy

Title: Introduction
Author: Krzysztof Wilczyński (about)

The history of piracy dates back more than 3000 years, but its accurate account depends on the actual meaning of the word 'pirate'. In English, the word piracy has many different meanings and its usage is still relatively new. Today, some uses of the word have no particular meaning at all. A meaning was first ascribed to the word piracy sometime before the XVII century. It appears that the word pirate (peirato) was first used in about 140 BC by the Roman historian Polybius. The Greek historian Plutarch, writing in about 100 A.D., gave the oldest clear definition of piracy. He described pirates as those who attack without legal authority not only ships, but also maritime cities. Piracy was described for the first time, among others, in Homer's The Iliad and The Odyssey. For a great many years there remained no unambiguous definition of piracy. Norse riders of the 9th and 11th century AD were not considered pirates but rather, were called "Danes" or "Vikings". Another popular meaning of the word in medieval England was "sea thieves". The meaning of the word pirate most closely tied to the contemporary was established in the XVIII century AD. This definition dubbed pirates "outlaws" whom even persons who were not soldiers could kill. The first application of international law actually involved anti-pirate legislation. This is due to the fact that most pirate acts were committed outside the borders of any country.

MY ANSWER/SUMMARY SO FAR

Over 3000 years ago a Greek historian described Pirates as people that attack ships and cities without authority. Pirates were named outlaws that anybody was allowed to kill. Most acts of Piracy were done outside of the borders of countries.

Greed was why Pirates came about. It was an easy way to accumulate wealth.

Does this answer my question?
Do I need more information? If so, back to surfing the net…