

Queen Anne's Revenge

Underwater | Off North Carolina, USA | sank 1718 | Grades 3-5

Name _____ Date _____

Blackbeard's flagship lay hidden under the sand for almost 300 years.

Read the story

Queen Anne's Revenge began life as a French slave ship called La Concorde. In 1717, the pirate Edward Teach, better known as Blackbeard, captured it in the Caribbean. He added cannons, renamed it, and made it his flagship.

In May 1718, Blackbeard blockaded the port of Charleston, South Carolina, for about a week, stopping ships and taking hostages. He demanded a chest of medicine before letting them go.

A few weeks later, Queen Anne's Revenge ran aground on a sandbar near Beaufort Inlet. Some historians think Blackbeard did it on purpose to break up his large crew and keep more treasure for himself. He was killed in a battle later that year.

How it ended

The ship ran aground in 1718 and was left behind. Over time, sand and sea covered it. It was found in 1996, and most of it has now been raised and preserved.

Key words

- flagship: the main ship of a group, carrying the leader
- blockade: blocking a port so ships cannot come or go
- conservation: cleaning and protecting objects so they last

Wow facts

- Divers have recovered more than 30 cannons from the wreck.
- Blackbeard once traded hostages for a chest of medicine.
- Tiny gold dust and flakes were found in the wreck.

Talk about it

1. Why do you think pirates became famous characters in stories?

2. Why do objects from the sea need special cleaning before they go in museums?

Try this

Draw a map of Queen Anne's Revenge as it looked at its busiest. Label three things people did there.

Quick quiz

Circle the best answer.

1. Which pirate sailed Queen Anne's Revenge?

- A. Blackbeard
- B. Captain Hook
- C. Long John Silver
- D. Redbeard

2. What did Blackbeard demand at Charleston?

- A. A chest of medicine
- B. A crown
- C. A horse
- D. A map

3. When was the wreck found?

- A. 1996
- B. 1718
- C. 1066
- D. 2020

Go further

Open ruinscape.live/queen-annes-revenge/ for photos, the Then and Now picture where there is one, and links to museum collections and research. On the globe, Lyra Kael can fly the class there and answer questions.

Answer key (for teachers)

1. A. It was Blackbeard's flagship.
2. A. He demanded medicine before releasing hostages.
3. A. It was discovered in 1996.