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## **Was Francis Drake really 'the Master Thief of the Unknown World'?**

You can use this worksheet to record your answers to the case study question. At the end there is a writing frame which you can fill in to help you decide whether Francis Drake was really a pirate or a hero.

Don't forget to save your work on your computer!

### **Case Study 1: Voyage of Plunder?**

Q1. Do you think the Spaniards are afraid of Drake's men when they first board the ship? Why?

Q2. What happens to the people on board the ship?

Q3. What do Drake and his men find in the church at S.Iago?

Q4. Do you think Drake was right to raid a church? Can you think of any reasons why Drake would think it was acceptable? (Think back to Henry VIII and his relationship with Rome.)

Q5. Use this table to record what Drake and his men captured. The top line has been filled in as an example.

<i>From?</i>	<i>What?</i>	<i>Value? (if given)</i>
The ship in Valparizo harbour	Chilean wine 25,000 gold Pezos	37,000 Spanish Duckats

Q6. Why do you think the anchor ropes of the ships in Lima harbour were cut?

Q7. Can you think of any reasons why Drake would want to take some rope and tackle from a ship?

Q8. Complete the table for Q5 with what Drake found aboard the *Cacafuego*.

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### **Case Study 2: Voyage of Discovery?**

Q1. Make a list of all the dangers faced by Drake and the other sailors when sailing through the Strait of Magellan.

Q2. Did Drake find anything of use when sailing through the Strait? If so, what and why would it be useful? [Think about the nature of the voyage and conditions aboard the ship]

Q3. What two discoveries did Drake and his company make?

Q4. What reasons do both accounts give for the inaccuracies or mistakes in the maps that they have?

Q5. What do you think? Think carefully about the state of maps in the sixteenth century, who would make the maps and why they might like to keep some information secret.

Q6. Do you think that the Amerindians had ever seen Europeans before? Why?

Q7. What do you think the Europeans thought of the Amerindians?

Q8. Using the description given in the source, draw a picture of the Amerindian settlement.

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You can use this writing frame to help you decide whether Francis Drake was a hero or 'a master thief'. To complete the frame you will need to have studied both sections of this case study. At the end you can give your opinion of Drake.

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### **Francis Drake: Was he really 'the Master Thief of the Unknown World'?**

In 1577 Drake set off from Plymouth Harbour with 5 ships. The men aboard thought.....

When they found out that Drake wanted to sail across the Atlantic, many of them were.....

Some historians think that the real reason behind the voyage was to.....

It took several weeks to sail across the Atlantic. When they reached the tip of South America, they sailed through the Strait of Magellan. This was difficult because.....

When they came to the coast of Chile Drake discovered.....

As they sailed up the coast, Drake and his men came across a number of Spanish ships and settlements. He.....

Drake did not want to return to England through the Straits of Magellan because.....

As a result, Drake decided to keep sailing North. He landed on the west coast of America where.....

After leaving America, Drake and the Golden Hind sailed across the Pacific Ocean to the Spice Islands and Java before sailing up the African coast back to England. When he returned, he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth I because.....

To the English, Drake was a hero because....

However, the Spanish Ambassador said that he was "the master thief of the unknown world" because....

So, was Drake a hero or a pirate? I think .....