

Round: 5A
Category: Social Sciences
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1. The Kraken was a myth based on what real marine animal? (2 pts)
2. What name was given to the mythological clashing rocks at the mouth of the Bosphorus that were said to close together when a ship attempted to sail between them? Who was said to have defeated these rocks and what happened to the rocks once they were defeated? (6 pts)
3. Name the land masses that create the three corners of the Bermuda Triangle. (3 pts)
4. What was the mythical “Flying Dutchman” and where is it supposedly seen? (3 pts)
5. What is the name of the monster that inhabits Lake Champlain? (1 pts)
6. What was the pirate Blackbeard’s real name? What was the name of his ship? Where was he killed? (3 pts)
7. To what does the phrase “Davy Jones’ Locker” refer? (2 pts)

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An octopus (2 pts)

Do NOT accept squid or giant squid

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Symplegades OR Cyanean Rocks (2 pts)

Jason and the Argonauts (2 pts)

The rocks remained still/stopped moving forever after (2 pts)

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Florida, Puerto Rico, Bermuda (1 pt each, 3 pts total)

4. What was the mythical “Flying Dutchman” and where is it supposedly seen?

An abandoned/ghost sailing ship (1pt) that is allegedly seen in the region of the Cape of Good Hope (2pts)

5. What is the name of the monster that inhabits Lake Champlain?

Champ OR Champie OR Champy (1pts)

6. What was the pirate Blackbeard’s real name? What was the name of his ship? Where was he killed?

Edward Teach (1 pt); Queen Anne’s Revenge (1pt); North Carolina (1pt)

7. To what does the phrase “Davy Jones’ Locker” refer?

A mariner’s idiom for the bottom of the sea OR death at sea (2 pts)