## PIRATE The Story of a Buccaneer

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I have gold and silver.

I have precious jewels.

I am rich beyond my wildest dreams.

But my dreams have become a nightmare.

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In the 1600s and 1700s, merchant ships carried cargo around the world.

They carried silks, cotton, iron, gunpowder, brandy and wine.

Some carried treasure from South America. Gold and silver and precious jewels.

The merchant ships were not alone on the ocean.

Violent, ruthless criminals sailed the seas in search of treasure.

The merchant ships could be attacked at any time.

Attacked by...

