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Privateers Worksheet

1. Did pirates ever pose a problem in the Chesapeake Bay? Take a look at this map. Place Xs on the map where you think pirates might establish bases of operation. Be sure to support your opinion with details.

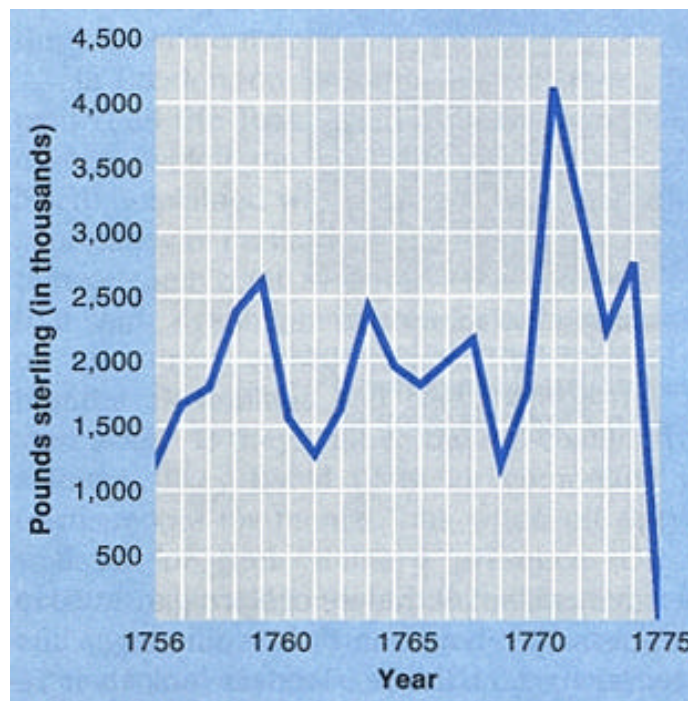


2. Complete the chart below.

Pirate or Privateer	Your Answer	Correct Answer	Name
Choice #1			
Choice #2			

Explain in your own words what makes a pirate a criminal and what makes a privateer a patriot. Which clues helped you to decide who was the pirate and who was the privateer?

3. Between which two years do you see the greatest decline in British exports to the American Colonies?



Do you think that the boycott of British-made goods that began in 1771 was effective? List at least one other reason why America went to war with England in 1776.

4. What sort of paper did a ship captain need to possess in order to legally attack and capture foreign ships? Who had to sign this paper in order to make it a legal document?

5. Rank the colonies (NH, MA, RI, CT, NJ, NY, PA, MD, VA, SC) from greatest to least numbers of privateers using the data listed in this lesson. Complete the table below with your rankings.

Colonies That Supplied Privateering Vessels To the War Effort

Rank	Colony	Number of Privateer Vessels
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

Do you think that the United Colonies needed the help of privateers to win the Revolutionary War? Why or why not?

6. Take another look at this table that shows how prize money captured by privateers was distributed among the crew members.

Shares to be Distributed as Follows:

Captain	8	Steward	2
First Lieutenant	4	Sailmaker	2
Second Lieutenant	4	Gunner's Mate	1 1/2
Master	4	Boatswain's Mate	1 1/2
Surgeon	4	Carpenter's Mates	1 1/2
Officer of Marines	2	Cooper	1 1/2
Prize Master	2	Surgeon's Mate	1 1/2
Carpenter	2	Armorer	2
Gunner	2	Sergeant-Marines	2
Boatswain	2	Cook	2
Master's Mates	2	Gentlemen Volunteers	1
Captain's Clerks	2	Boys under 16 Years of Age	1/2

Which position would you like to hold on board this imaginary ship? Why? What sort of skills do you think you would need to have in order to earn this position on the ship?

7. How did a ship known as *Chasseur* earn the nickname of "The Pride of Baltimore?" Do you think that *Pride of Baltimore* was a good name to call the replica of *Chasseur*? What memories does this name bring back? What do you think this nickname means to Marylanders today?
