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Discover a famous pirate !

1. Read paragraphs 1 & 2 to fill in the poster :

WANTED



Real name:

Nickname:

Nationality:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Jobs: First

then

Name of his ship:

2. What was his physical appearance ?

3. How did he terrify his enemies ?

4. Tick the flag which matches the description of Blackbeard's flag :



5. Read paragraph 3 about Blackbeard's career, then answers the questions :

- ~ How many ships did he and his crew capture ? _____
- ~ Where did they sail ? _____
- ~ What did they steal ? _____
- ~ Where did they bury their treasure ? _____
- ~ When did Blackbeard die ? _____
- ~ How did he die ? _____
- ~ What did the British soldiers do with Blackbeard's head ? _____
