

WAS SIR FRANCIS DRAKE A HERO OR A PIRATE?

The English considered Sir Francis Drake to be a hero. The Spanish considered him to be a pirate... Students were asked to give their opinion about this in a written summary. Here are a few examples from our class.

Sir Francis Drake was a hero because he made England wealthy. He also gave England power. He was the most dreaded “sea dog.”

By: Piercen Gaborko

Sir Francis was a hero because Spain was being greedy. They wanted all of the land, and they would not share. It was reasonable to send sea dogs to make them share.

By: Matea Langston

Sir Francis Drake (aka: “Drake the Dragon”) was a pirate because he conquered the Spanish ships and took their riches. At the same time he was a hero because he stopped all the Spanish ships from attacking. He was a famous “sea dog” because of that.

By: Andrew Bradley

Sir Francis Drake was a pirate because, even though he was bringing goods back for his country, he was taking from the Spanish. He probably would not like it if the Spanish stole from him. Why couldn't he get his own riches?

By: Rylie Campbell

Sir Francis Drake was a pirate because he would take gold and sink ships without asking. Heroes do not do those things.

By: Kendall Daniels



Sir Francis Drake was a pirate for raiding all those ships. It was very unkind of him to do that to them after all the hard work they did. Also, Queen Elizabeth I should not have allowed him to do that to them.

By: Xavier Blackwell

Sir Francis Drake was a pirate because he took other people's treasures. They found it. They should keep it.

By: Courtney Chandler