

Task: Blackbeard's Map



Approach: Station
 Focus: Interpreting a map
 Resources: Map in resource book

Year: 4 & 8



Questions / instructions:

Here is a treasure map left by the pirate Blackbeard.
 If you stood on Lookout Peak, what hill would you see to the South? **Hopscotch Hill**

Name the bay that is closest to Captain's Cave. **Barnacle Bay**

Here are Blackbeard's instructions for finding treasure.

Instructions to find the buried treasure

Stand so that you are facing Wiggly Woods with Dark Woods behind you.
 Shipwreck Bay should be on your right.
 Captain's Cave should be on your left.
 Find the house on your right. The treasure is halfway between it and the nearest tree.

% responses
y4 y8

77 95

79 95

1. Put a cross where you would dig for treasure on the map.

cross where treasure is

2. Draw a line to show the shortest way to walk from your boat in Shipwreck Bay to the treasure.

shortest route

3. You don't want someone to follow you to the treasure. Mark a route from your boat to the treasure. It must go through Honeycomb Hill but does NOT go through Wiggly Woods.

route from boat to treasure

Total score:

5	15	46
4	25	27
3	22	15
2	21	9
0-1	17	3

% responses
y4 y8

31 65

63 80

Commentary:

Year 8 students were more successful than year 4 students on all aspects of interpreting the map. All students found it more difficult to follow detailed instructions to find a location than to identify straightforward details of the map.