Famous Pirates — Blackbeard

Edward Teach, also known as Blackbeard, was the most famous pirate in history. He was a very mysterious man and not very much is known about his life. He got his nickname because of his long, black beard that he wore in braids. He was also known for having many pistols strapped to his chest to be ready for battle.

Even though Blackbeard is the most famous pirate, his pirate "career" only lasted about 2 years. During these 2 years however, Blackbeard attacked many ships and killed many people. He was eventually killed in a battle in 1718. Legend has it that he was hit with "5 pistol balls and 20 cutlass wounds" before he fell to his death. To warn other pirates, a famous commander had Blackbeard's head cut off and placed on the front of his ship!