

## PreviewToTudorExplorationAssembly

### Tudor Explorers Assembly Play

Join Christopher Columbus, Francis Drake, Sir Walter Raleigh, the ...Spice Girls? Yes, they're on board too, on this amazing journey to ..well, that would be telling! Experience life at sea – aboard our ship, try food 'to die for' and learn about interesting sounding places ...like the poop deck! Don't be scared by the Indians – they were, it seems, in the wrong place! And we promise to return you back home, safe and sound!

This class play, written by Sue Russell, for class of 30, comes with suggested props, music and numbered seating plan – so it is ready to deliver, with minimum stress to the teacher! It is entertaining and educational at the same time – covering all the key teaching points (from the UK QCA documents).

(Also available for this unit , set of 5 guided reading play scripts plus quizzes - Who were they? Drake's Round the World Voyage, Raleigh's Roanoke Settlement & The Plight of Native Americans, Anglo-Spanish Hostilities - Introduction to Slavery and The Slave Trade - Discussion on Racism - see Guided Reading Play Scripts section of [www.plays-russell.com](http://www.plays-russell.com) )

### Tudor Explorers Assembly

*Martin Frobisher: Indeed. Strange to think how they could survive the sub-zero conditions in their homeland ... but couldn't cope with a bit of damp drizzle over here. But tell us, Richard Chancellor, about your great adventures!*

*Richard Chancellor: Well I decided not to bother going North West, as you had. Thought I'd try going North East, round the top of Europe, instead. Well, I never made it to the Indies either, but I did meet a fascinating, if rather frightening chap, called Ivan the Terrible – the Tsar of Russia, who agreed for us English to trade with his country.*

*Francis Drake (striding onto stage, impatiently): Enough! Enough! I expect they're (pointing to audience) wondering where I've got to! Me alias El Draque! This lot might have gone cruising around .. trying to find the East ...and failing! I not only made it all the way round the globe but I came back ...LOADED!*

*Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>: Ah! Francis! Or (tapping his shoulder with a royal sceptre) shouldn't I say, Sir Francis! What a rogue! Fancy robbing all those Spanish and Portuguese treasure ships! How very wicked of you ... (smiling coquettishly, then snapping nastily) Now hand it over!*

4. Money – Pink Floyd

*Narrator: And so the English got richer, thanks to the piracy of Drake!*

### TEACHING 'COVERAGE'

## 14. Unit 19 Tudor Exploration Assembly

- (i) Present knowledge of world compared to that of Tudors
- (ii) Ferdinand Magellan
- (iii) Sir Francis Drake
- (iv) Anglo- Spanish/Portuguese rivalry
- (v) Christopher Columbus
- (vi) Timeline: Discoveries 1485 – 1603
- (vii) Walter Raleigh, John Cabot and Martin Frobisher – North West Passage to Asia
- (viii) Richard Chancellor – North East Passage to Asia
- (ix) Roanoke Settlement
- (x) Conditions on board ships
- (xi) New foods

## MUSIC

1. In the Navy - Village People
2. Who do you think you are - Spice Girls
3. Wannabe - Spice Girls
4. Money - Pink Floyd
5. Kids in America - Kim Wilde
6. Sailing - Rod Stewart
7. Saturday Night's All right (for fighting) - Elton John