

WORD SEARCH



Have you ever wondered what people are talking about when they say words like "starboard," "hold," or "frigate?" Whether you are a nautical novice or expert, this word search will get you thinking about all of the words and terms that sailors on board USS CONSTITUTION had to know back in 1812 (in fact, sailors still use many of these words today).

DIRECTIONS

Complete the "Word Search" by finding all of the hidden nautical words. The words are hidden horizontally, vertically, and diagonally - forwards and backwards. Once you have found and circled a word, turn to the "Definitions" page and write down what you think that word could mean. When you have found all 26 words and come up with your own definitions, look at the "Answers" page and see how the words were actually used back in 1812! If you are feeling particularly creative, write a story about a battle on board an imaginary ship in 1812. Use as many of the vocabulary words as you can!

WORD HUNT

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DEFINITIONS

Boarding Party _____

Bow _____

Broadside _____

Cannon _____

Cargo _____

Cartridge _____

Colors _____

Crew _____

Cutlass _____

Fighting Top _____

Frigate _____

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Hold _____

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Marine _____

Mast _____

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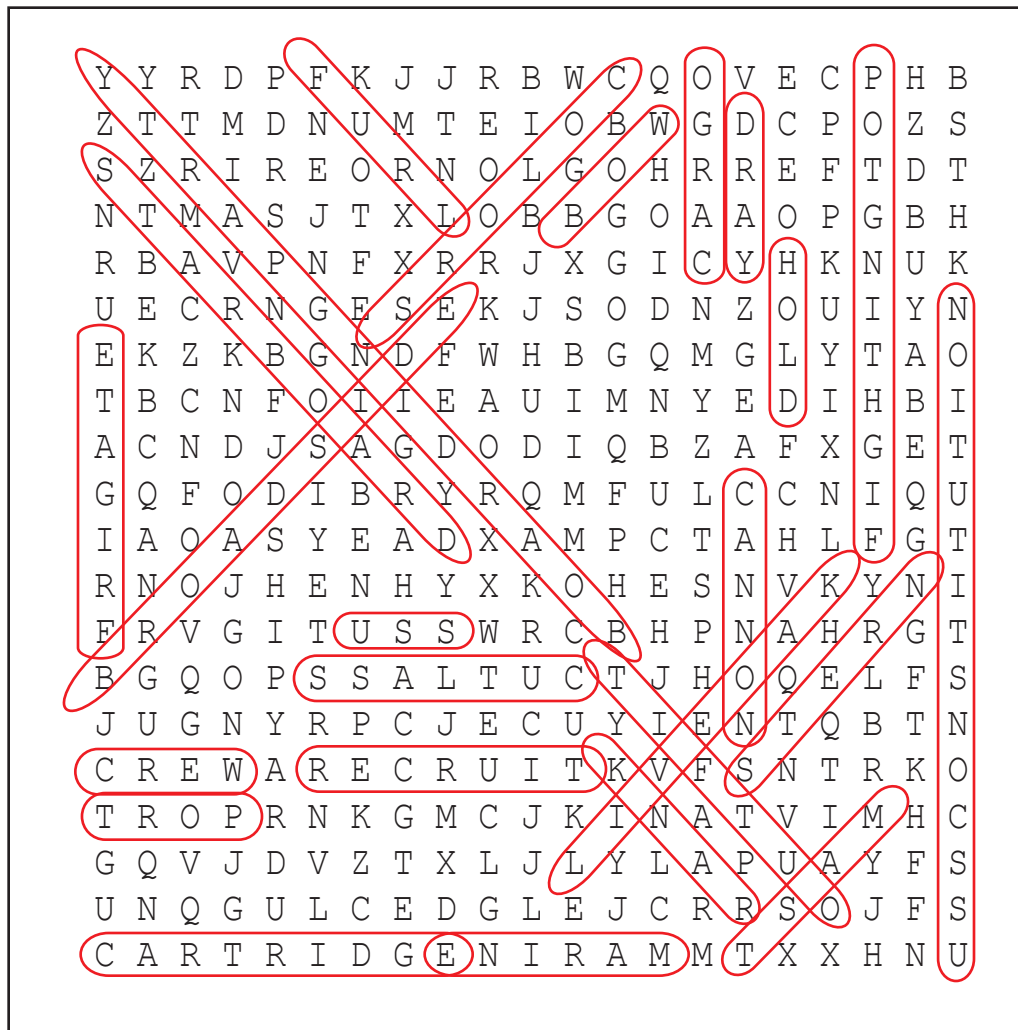
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ANSWERS

BOARDING PARTY A group of sailors appointed to make an attack on an enemy ship by storming aboard.

BOW The forward (or front) part of a ship.

BROADSIDE When all of the guns on one side of a ship are fired at the same time.

CANNON A heavy weapon mounted on wheels and used on board ship.

CARGO The food, goods, and materials that were stored in the ship's hold.

CARTRIDGE A container that held a pre-measured portion of gunpowder that and used to make the cannons fire.

COLORS A version of the national flag flown by a naval ship.

CREW A group of people working together on a ship.

CUTLASS A sword with a straight or slightly curved blade that was given to members of the boarding parties.

FIGHTING TOP A platform on the mast from where Marines and sailors fired on the enemy during battle.

FRIGATE A medium-sized warship that was built from the 1600s to the mid 1800s. Frigates had a covered gun deck with an open deck above that carried more guns.

FURL To wrap or fold the sails or rigging.

- HOLD** The area below deck where cargo was stored.
- LIVE OAK** A hardwood tree used in the framework of ships for its rot resistance and strength.
- MARINE** Naval soldiers who kept order and peace aboard ship and worked as sharpshooters and hand-to-hand fighters during battle.
- MAST** A vertical pole that supports the sails and rigging of a ship.
- OUTFIT** To equip a ship with sails and rigging.
- PORT** The left side of a ship (when facing the bow from on board).
- RANK** An official position or grade of an officer or sailor.
- RECRUIT** To enroll or engage in military service.
- RIGGING** Ropes used on ships to support the masts and adjust sails.
- STARBOARD** The right side of a ship (when facing the bow from on board).
- STERN** The rear (or back) part of a ship.
- USS CONSTITUTION** The oldest commissioned warship still afloat in the world.
- YARD** A wooden crosspiece on the masts that holds the sails.