

### **CLUE 1 - PIRATE'S COIN**

A TOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR EASTERN SHORE.  
A FARM OF SWEET BERRIES, WHO SELLS SO MUCH MORE.  
T'WAS HERE THAT A COIN OF RARE VINTAGE WAS FOUND  
THE GOLD OF A PIRATE, AN ARABIC ROUND.

THE GREAT "KING OF PIRATES" WAS KEY IN THIS TALE  
A SHIP NAMED SEAFLOWER, THE VESSEL HE SAILED  
AND INTO THE PORT OF RHODE ISLAND HE BROUGHT  
BOTH TREASURES OF GOLD AND SLAVES TO BE BOUGHT

AND SO IT WAS HERE IN 1696  
THAT RHODIES UNCOVERED A NEW BAG OF TRICKS  
FOR MAKING BIG RICHES THE SHORTCUTTING WAY  
IN FENCING THIEVED ITEMS AND BUYING THE SLAVE

OVERALL, A TRAGIC TURN IN OUR STATE'S HISTORY.

#### Instructions

1. Go to the place where the coin was found and take a picture next to the business sign.
2. Go out to lunch whether at that business or another favorite restaurant. At least get some ice cream!

If you need help figuring it out, read the story of the coin's discovery at:  
[https://www.providencejournal.com/news/20190705/  
pirate-tale-unearthed-by-amateur-historian-from-warwick](https://www.providencejournal.com/news/20190705/pirate-tale-unearthed-by-amateur-historian-from-warwick)

## CLUE 2 - PIRATES IN CHURCH

A PORT THAT IS NEW AND YET OLD JUST THE SAME  
A CHURCH THAT HAS THREE AND YET ONE IN THE NAME  
A STONE WITH THE FOUNDERS ALL SCRIBED ON ITS FACE  
LIES AT THE SOUTH DOOR OF THE TOWER IN THAT PLACE

LOOK CLOSE AT THE NAMES, ALL GREAT MEN OF THE TOWN  
AND GODLY, I RECKON, IF HERE THEY ARE FOUND  
BUT DIG JUST A BIT AND YOU SOON WILL DISCOVER  
THAT TWO OF THESE MEN WERE UNLIKE ALL THE OTHERS

FOR PIRATES THEY WERE AND THEY SAILED THE HIGH SEAS  
BOTH CUTLER AND PAYNE, JUST ROMANTICIZED THIEVES  
AND SURE, THEY GAVE MONEY TO PUT UP THE TOWER  
BUT WHERE THEY GOT THEIRS MAKES THEIR CHARITY SOUR

IT'S AMAZING HOW GREAT A ROLE PIRACY PLAYED IN THE EARLY  
ECONOMY OF OUR STATE.

### Instructions

1. Take a picture next to the founders' stone.
2. Take in some of the other stand out places of worship in town
  - Touro Synagogue - 72 Touro Street, Oldest synagogue building in the US
  - Seventh Day Baptist Meeting House - 82 Touro Street, Oldest SDB structure in US
  - St. Mary's Church - 12 William Street, Where John F. & Jacqueline Kennedy were married
  - Great Friends Meeting House - 21 Farewell Street, Oldest house of worship in RI
  - United Baptist Church - 30 Spring Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oldest Baptist Congregation in US

If you need help figuring it out, read about Cutler and Paine (Pine) here:  
<https://bucklinsociety.net/colonial-history/pirates-of-rhode-island/>

### **CLUE 3 - PIRATE'S FROM THE NORTH**

A STRING OF A CANDLE, AND CROSS OF A STREAM  
WILL MAKE UP THE NAME OF THIS TOWN, SO IT SEEMS  
AND IN THE GAZEBO IN LIBRARY PARK  
THERE LIES A LARGE STONE WITH STRANGE LETTERS AND MARKS

SOME SAY IT WAS VIKINGS WHO CARVED THIS OLD STONE  
TO LAY CLAIM TO LAND OR TO NAME IT LIKE HOME  
STILL OTHERS WILL CLAIM IT'S A HOAX MADE OF ROCK  
CARVED OUT BY BORED LOCALS TO AWE AND TO SHOCK

BUT THINK OF IT NOW, IF THESE PILLAGING NORSEMEN  
THESE PIRATES OF SCANDI WERE THROWN OFF THEIR COURSE WHEN  
THEY CAME TO RHODE ISLAND BEFORE IT WAS SUCH  
AND LANDED AT POJAK AS EUROPE'S FIRST TOUCH

INTERESTING TO THINK THAT THIS AREA COULD HAVE BEEN VISITED BY  
EXPLORERS HUNDREDS OF YEARS BEFORE COLUMBUS.

#### **Instructions**

1. Take a picture with the stone.
2. Spend some time in downtown Wickford. Galleries, shops, restaurants, history.

If you need help figuring it out, read the story of the stone's discovery at:

<http://sorrhodeisland.com/stories/the-great-narragansett-rune-stone-debate,17149>

### **CLUE 4 - NAMED BY A PIRATE**

FROM FRANCE, VERRAZZANO HAD SAILED TO THE WEST  
TO FIND THE CLEAR PASSAGE WHICH WOULD BE THE BEST  
ALONG THE EAST COAST OF THESE NEWLY FOUND LANDS  
TO REACH THROUGH TO INDIA, CHINA, SIAM

HE SAILED UP FROM FLORIDA, UP THE WHOLE COAST  
TILL HE FOUND AN ISLAND THAT LOOKED JUST LIKE RHODES  
HE CALLED IT LUISA, THE FRENCH KING'S GRAND DAME  
AND SAILED IN OUR BAY WHERE A BRIDGE BEARS HIS NAME

AND WHAT DO YOU THINK WAS THE TRADE OF THIS MAN  
BEFORE HE EXPLORED AND HIS TRIP HERE BEGAN?  
WELL, HE WAS A PIRATE, OF COURSE! WOULDN'T YOU KNOW?  
WHO FIRST LINKED THIS LAND TO AN ISLAND CALLED RHODES

AN ISLAND NAMED LUISA? THAT'S FUNNY!

#### Instructions

1. Take a picture with the bridge, or on the island referred to in this clue.
2. If you went to Block Island, enjoy your day there. Hike, bike, beach it.  
If not, bring a picnic, cross the bridge and spend some time at Beavertail.

If you need help figuring it out, read the story of the island's naming at:

[https://books.google.com/books?id=JnotvLHX80gC&pg=PA155&lp\\_g=PA155&dq=block+island+named+luisa&source=bl&ots=r6YWuqzIm1&sig=ACfU3U1wNI4o1Qcc3TqPHTGBI7-3PqS5xQ&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjXm5aql6XqAhV9knIEHe6mAY0Q6AEwDXoECAgQAAQ#v=onepage&q=block%20island%20named%20luisa&f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=JnotvLHX80gC&pg=PA155&lp_g=PA155&dq=block+island+named+luisa&source=bl&ots=r6YWuqzIm1&sig=ACfU3U1wNI4o1Qcc3TqPHTGBI7-3PqS5xQ&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjXm5aql6XqAhV9knIEHe6mAY0Q6AEwDXoECAgQAAQ#v=onepage&q=block%20island%20named%20luisa&f=false)  
[ed=2ahUKEwjXm5aql6XqAhV9knIEHe6mAY0Q6AEwDXoECAgQAAQ#v=onepage&q=block%20island%20named%20luisa&f=false](https://books.google.com/books?id=JnotvLHX80gC&pg=PA155&lp_g=PA155&dq=block+island+named+luisa&source=bl&ots=r6YWuqzIm1&sig=ACfU3U1wNI4o1Qcc3TqPHTGBI7-3PqS5xQ&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjXm5aql6XqAhV9knIEHe6mAY0Q6AEwDXoECAgQAAQ#v=onepage&q=block%20island%20named%20luisa&f=false)  
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### **CLUE 5 - OWNED BY A PIRATE**

THEY SAY IT'S THE OLDEST AND ONE OF A KIND  
THIS ALEHOUSE AND EATERY IS QUITE A FIND  
OF EQUINES AND COLORLESS HUES SPEAK ITS NAME  
BUT DARK HEARTED PIRATES WOULD EAT AT THE SAME

BUT THAT'S NOT THE END OF ITS PIRATE CONNECTION  
FOR DEEP IN THE HISTORY OF ITS AFFECTION  
AN OWNER NAMED MAYES RODE THE PEARL ON THE TIDE  
IN LEAGUE WITH THE GREAT "KING OF PIRATES" BESIDE

BUT LIFE AS A PIRATE IS VIOLENT AND SHORT  
SO, MAYES TOOK A CHANCE WITH THE END OF A FORK  
INSTEAD OF A SABRE AND IT PROVED QUITE WELL  
FOR FEW ARE THE PIRATES WHO LIVE, TALES TO TELL

PIRACY WAS VIEWED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF RHODE ISLAND AS A  
VIABLE OCCUPATION.

#### **Instructions**

1. Take a picture at this landmark restaurant.
2. If you have time, check out some of these other historic restaurants:
  - Carriage Inn & Saloon - 1065 Tower Hill Road, NK; 1760 Stagecoach stop
  - The Wilcox Tavern - 5153 Old Post Road, Charlestown; 1730, 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest restaurant in RI

If you need help figuring it out, read the story of this important restaurant at:  
<https://lostnewengland.com/2019/05/white-horse-tavern-newport-rhode-island/>

## CLUE 6 - KIDNAPPED BY PIRATES

POOR SAM WASN'T PIRATE NOR CHEATER NOR THIEF  
IN FACT, OF THE LAW OF THIS LAND, HE WAS CHIEF  
FOR GOV'NOR AND LEADER OF ALL HE WAS VOTED  
AND HIS NAME FOR ONE TOWN IN OUR STATE IS NOTED

BUT SAM WAS A YOUNG MAN, ENGAGED TO HIS LOVE  
WHEN HE TOOK TO SEA AND WAS CAPTURED THEREOF  
AND HELD BY SOME PIRATES FOR SEVEN LONG YEARS  
TILL AT LAST HIS FIANCÉE MOVED ON THROUGH HER TEARS

BUT JUST IN THE RIGHT NICK OF TIME HE ESCAPED  
AND CRASHED HER NEW WEDDING, HIS BRIDE TO RETAKE  
AND SO, HE LIVED ON TO A RIPENED OLD AGE  
HIS 15 GROWN CHILDREN ALL CALLING HIM SAGE.

ANOTHER ASPECT OF PIRACY IN THE STATE WAS THE NUMBER OF  
FAMILIES IT IMPACTED THROUGH THINGS LIKE FORCED KIDNAPPING  
AND FORCED SERVICE.

### Instructions

1. Take a picture next to this man's grave in Newport.
2. Take in the Old Colony House on Washington Square, 5 Farewell Street, Newport.

If you need help figuring it out, read the story of this important historical figure at: <https://www.newenglandhistoricalsociety.com/samuel-cranston-rhode-islands-30-term-governor/>

### **CLUE 7 - DIFFERENT KIND OF PIRATE**

NOT ALL PIRATES SAIL ON THE WORLD'S SEVEN SEAS  
FOR SOME IT IS FAIRER TO LIVE LIVES OF EASE  
AND SO, IT IS TRUE FOR THE SHREWDEST OF ALL  
WHOSE NAME DECKS A MANSION BEHIND A GREAT WALL

NOT ROBBER NOR BARON, GIV'N SENSE OF THESE WORDS  
NOR SAILOR NOR SHIPMAN AS ANY HAVE HEARD  
BUT HE DID STEAL PLENTY THROUGH PENSTROKE AND WILL  
A DUTCHMAN SPECIFICALLY NAMED "FROM THE HILL."

BUT NOT BY A HILL; ON A CLIFESIDE INSTEAD  
HIS GRANDCHILD DID BUILD ON THE POINT "BROWN & RED"  
AND NAMED FOR THE ROCKS WHERE THE WAVES CRASH BELOW  
AN ICON OF PIRACY MOST OF YOU KNOW.

#### Instructions

1. Take a picture with this house.
2. Bring a picnic and hike the Cliff Walk.

If you need help figuring it out, read about this amazing house:  
<https://www.newport-discovery-guide.com/breakers-mansion.html>

## **CLUE 8 - DIFFERENT KIND OF GOLD**

MOST PIRATES SEEK TREASURE OF GOLD OR OF SILK  
BUT SOME SOUGHT A BOUNTY OF MUCH DIFFERENT ILK  
THE VILE "KING OF PIRATES" BEGAN THIS NEW TREND  
THAT LASTED 200 MORE YEARS ERE ITS END

AND WHAT WAS THIS TREASURE SO VALUED AND CRAVED  
THAT THOUSANDS OF SHIPS WOULD SET SAIL TO ENSLAVE...  
ENSLAVE HUMAN BEINGS, AS FREEDOM'S PROFESSED  
AND STEAL FROM ANOTHER THEIR LIFE AND SUCCESS

ON THE GROUNDS OF THE SCHOOL NAMED THE HUE OF SLAVE SKIN  
THE TRADERS STILL FAIL TO REPENT OF THEIR SIN  
A LARGE BALL EMBEDDED IN GRASS GROWING GREEN  
A PLAQUE SPEAKING VOLUMES OF PIRATES UNSEEN

BY 1730, RHODE ISLAND DOMINATED THE NORTH AMERICAN SLAVE  
TRADE AND BUILT UP THE PROSPERITY OF THIS REGION BY  
COMMODIFYING THE LIVES OF BOTH NATIVE AMERICANS AND  
AFRICANS WHO WOULD NEVER SHARE IN THE REWARDS OF THEIR  
OWN LABOR.

### Instructions

1. Take a picture at this monument.
2. See the John Brown house - 52 Power Street, Providence; John was one of four brothers who started Brown college. He was also the first person convicted as a slave trader in 1797.
3. Visit Gaspee Point, Lane 6, Warwick. John Brown was also a leader in burning the ship, Gaspee, as the first act of hostility towards England of the Revolutionary War in 1772.

If you need help figuring it out, read the piece on slavery in Rhode Island:  
<https://www.processhistory.org/slavery-providence/>

### CLUE 9 - RETIRED PIRATE

AN ISLAND THAT STANDS BETWEEN MAINLAND AND PORT  
CONNECTS BY TWO BRIDGES WITH NEITHER TOO SHORT  
A HAVEN FOR PIRATES AND BOOTLEGGERS, TOO  
AND HOME TO ONE PAYNE WHO FROM THIEVING WITHDREW

WITHDREW WITH HIS LIFE, HIS BOAT, AND HIS CASH  
AND SOON WAS A SAFE PLACE FOR OTHERS TO STASH  
THE SUM OF THEIR SPOILS WHEN THE HEAT GOT TOO HOT  
AND SO, ONE OLD KIDD LEFT THE PAYNE WITH HIS LOT

OR SO GOES THE TALE OF THE RHODE ISLAND CACHE  
AND ONE FAMOUS PIRATE WHO TURNED IN HIS SASH  
TO LIVE OUT HIS LIFE ON THE SHORE TO THE EAST,  
A POINT CALLED CAJACET, NEAR WATER AT LEAST

NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, THE VIOLENT LIFE OF PIRATES MOST  
OFTEN ENDED VERY VIOLENTLY.

#### Instructions

1. Take a picture at the gate to this home... or
2. Just take one of you having an ice cream cone at Spinnaker's in town.  
I'm pretty sure Captain Payne liked ice cream.

If you need help figuring it out, read this article on Thomas Payne's home:  
<https://www.antiquehomesmagazine.com/reading-room/up-close-and-personal-historic-jamestown-rhode-island-pirates-redcoats-quakers-oh-my/>

## CLUE 10 - A PIRATE'S END

JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 1763

A DAY THAT FOR PIRATES LIVED IN INFAMY  
WHEN 26 RAIDERS WOULD HANG BY THE NOOSE  
AN END TO RHODE ISLAND'S UNEASY TRUCE

THEN ON THE SMALL ISLAND WELL KNOWN FOR ITS GOATS  
IN VIEW OF A FORT, A WAR COLLEGE... AND BOATS!  
THEY MADE THEIR CLEAR STATEMENT THAT PIRATES MUST GO  
AND BURIED THEIR BODIES 'TWEEN HIGH TIDE AND LOW

AND SO, CLOSED THE ERA OF RHODE ISLAND ROGUES  
AS BUCKLING OF SWASH WAS NO LONGER IN VOGUE  
AND SO ENDS OUR HUNT OF THESE PIRATING TALES  
THE LORE OF ROUGE'S ISLAND WITH CROSSBONES AND SAILS

1. Take a picture on the island where these pirates were buried.
2. On the way in, see the Newport Shipyard (Safe Harbor), where the tall ship, Providence was constructed that was used in the movie, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*.

If you need help figuring it out, read this article about that fateful day:  
<http://smallstatebighistory.com/twenty-six-pirates-hanged-at-newport/>