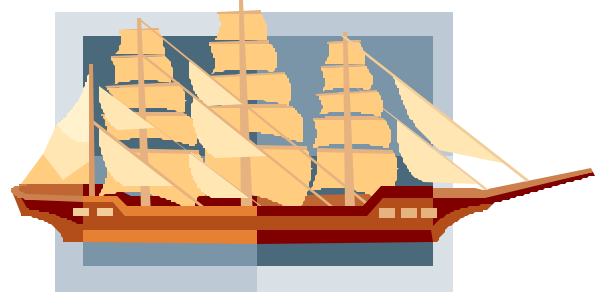


Parts of a Ship

Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: Read the name and description of each ship part. Locate the part on the schooner ship diagram. Write the number (or numbers) of that part on the line next to the name of the part. You may have a few with more than one number next to them.



- _____ 1. Topsails – square-shaped sails highest on a ship
- _____ 2. Mainsails – large rectangular sails below the topsails
- _____ 3. Jib Sails – triangular sails at the front of the ship
- _____ 4. Rudder – wooden device at rear of ship, reaches into water, used to steer it
- _____ 5. Yardarms – wooden poles that hold up the topsails
- _____ 6. Gaffs – wooden poles that hold up the mainsails
- _____ 7. Hold – storage area below the top deck
- _____ 8. Deck – floor of the ship where people walk, mainly the one opened to the air
- _____ 9. Hatch – raised doorlike opening in the deck which leads to the hold
- _____ 10. Keel – very bottom line of a ship running from fore to aft
- _____ 11. Masts – tall poles sticking up from ship, hold the yards, gaffs, sails, shrouds and ropes.
- _____ 12. Boom – wooden poles at the bottom of the mainsails
- _____ 13. Bowsprit – pole at front of ship that holds the bottom of the jibs
- _____ 14. Shrouds – weblike rope assembly climbed by sailor to reach the tops of sails
- _____ 15. Quarterdeck – higher aft deck reserved for officers and from which the ship is steered
- _____ 16. Hull – the body or basic frame of the ship
- _____ 17. Captain’s Cabin – aft cabin beneath the quarterdeck
- _____ 18. Forecastle (aka foc’sl) – cabin in bow of ship where the crew lives

Additional terms:

Aft – the rear of the ship

Fore or bow – the front of the ship

Port – left side of ship when you are facing the bow

Starboard – right side of ship when you are facing the bow

Anchor – heavy metal weight lowered to the sea bottom, used to hold a ship in place

Kedge – small back-up anchor

Hawser – Heavy rope or cable

Rigging – all the ropes, cables, & shrouds on a ship

