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## An Interview with Sir Francis Drake

- Interviewer: Hello I am here with an outstanding sailor Sir Francis Drake! Well Drake, we all know that you bought Buckland Abbey but where were you born?
- Drake: I grew up in Tavistock. I was born in March 1540. I had twelve brothers and no sisters and I was the eldest out of the lot. My mother and father were named Mary and Edmund.
- Interviewer: We understand that you purchased Buckland Abbey but do you always live there as your main home?
- Drake: Well yes really. I live in it at most of the time but if the queen wants me to see her I stay where she is intends to go.
- Interviewer: Most of the Nation understands you had previously discovered 'the New World', shortly after you bought the Abbey, what were your feelings and how successful were you?
- Drake: I was willing to be adventurous and was successful, until I was captured by the Spaniards in the Mexican port, where I was held captive for a while but eventually escaped along with my cousin Sir John Hawkins, but sadly leaving many fellow crew mates behind.
- Interviewer: When you sailed into Plymouth, you had a ship laden with captured Spanish treasure. After three years away at sea, sum up how you felt about your voyage at the moment?
- Drake: Yes that was when I sailed around the world. I didn't know I was going to but I did! I was originally supposed to be trading slaves from Africa to all places around the Globe but Elizabeth gave me permission to break the law which I was happy about because if I did not have Elizabeth's permission I would have been headless. I didn't really intend to travel around the world until I lost course.
- Interviewer: Did you really kill a crew mate whilst on the voyage, if you did why?

Drake: Yes, I did actually murder a crew member. A man called Thomas Doughty. It was when I sailed around the world but he was making a mutiny against me so I executed him, as I had very little supplies which gave me no choice. It was a shame really, he was an acceptable man to have around during the voyage.

Interviewer: I believe you completely altered your ships name after you killed Thomas Doughty, why was that?

Drake: I did not want to hurt Thomas's brother so I changed its name to the Golden Hind because his brother's coat of arms was a golden hind. I thought it might appease him after what I had done.

Interviewer: Well thank you very much Drake it was very informative having you here.

Drake: Well, it has definitely been an enjoyable experience meeting many new people, and releasing lots of different information to most of the nation to understand about most of my entire life. Thank you!