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## An Interview with Sir Francis Drake

Interviewer: Hello, Sir Francis Drake.

Drake: Hello, Mr. Interviewer.

Interviewer: Why did you start to work at sea at the age of twelve?

Drake: My family needed me to raise some money, because I was old enough to work. When I was twenty I had become the owner-master of my own ship, because the old owner had died.

Interviewer: Why did you leave Plymouth on May 1572 with two vessels and seventy-two men?

Drake: We went to capture Nombre de Dios, which is the town where the Spanish receive all of their silver and gold at.

Interviewer: Why did you decide to sail the world?

Drake: So I could explore the uncharted locations of the earth and become famous.

Interviewer: How does it feel to be given a knighthood?

Drake: Well, I am very proud to have this reputation, and even more, to have 'Sir' as part of my name.

Interviewer: On one voyage, you returned with twenty tonnes of silver and gold. Which one was this?

Drake: This was when I had joined up with that French buccaneer, Guillaume Le Testu. We attacked a Spanish mule train and carried as

much gold as we could, but when we got back to the beach, our boats were gone. We buried some of the treasure on the beach, built a raft, and sailed ten miles up the coast until we reached my flagship. We later returned to collect the treasure that we had buried and sailed, away, rich men.

Interviewer: What happened to the French buccaneer after the mule train incident?

Drake: Unfortunately the Spanish got hold of him after he was wounded, he was later beheaded.

Interviewer: When you arrived at San Julian, you had a couple of difficult decisions to make. What were these and why?

Drake: Hawkins and I had to escape from the docks but the experience has led me to have my revenge on the Spanish.

Interviewer: I'm afraid our time is up. Goodbye.

Drake: Goodbye.