

"LUKE'S SHIPWRECK TREASURE VOYAGE" VOCABULARY

1. **Juan Ponce de Leon:** the first Spanish explorer to arrive in Florida in search of new lands, treasures, and the mythical fountain of youth.
2. **Henry Morrison Flagler:** a key figure in the development of the Atlantic coast of Florida and founder of the Florida East Coast Railway from Daytona to Key West. Flagler arrived in Key West aboard his private railcar, Rambler, telling the welcoming crowd, "My dream is fulfilled."
3. **Mel Fisher:** an American treasure hunter best known for finding the wreck of the Spanish galleon, Nuestra Senora de Atocha, the most famous of a fleet of Spanish ships (bound for Spain) that sank in 1622 off the Florida Keys. The estimated treasure recovered was worth about a half a million dollars in gold, silver, artifacts, jewelry, and emeralds. For years Mel would say, "Today's the day!" He wouldn't give up his dream until it came true.
4. **Ernest Hemingway:** an American novelist, short story writer and journalist. His life of adventure influenced later generations. He wrote "The Old Man and the Sea", a story about an aging fisherman who struggles with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream off the coast of Florida.
5. **Artifact:** is an object made by a human being, typically an item of cultural or historical interest. When found are excavated, preserved, restored, recorded, and shared with the world.
6. **Marine Archeologist:** a scientist who works on research and recovery of ancient objects found beneath the sea and ocean, usually from shipwrecks.
7. **Spanish Galleon Ships:** sailed carrying gold and silver as well as other goods from the New World to Europe. Many of the ships met their fate at sea, resulting in an incalculable amount of sunken treasures found and yet to be found.
8. **Treasure Coast:** a region of Florida's Atlantic coast whose name refers to Spanish Treasure fleets lost.
9. **Lighthouse:** a tower with a powerful light that is built on or near the shore to guide ships from danger or for navigation on inland waterways as an entrance marker to ports.
10. **Pirate:** someone who sails in a ship and attacks other ships in order to steal from them.
11. **Walking the Plank:** to be forced by pirates (as a punishment) to walk off the end of a plank extended out over the water from the side of the ship.
12. **Crow's Nest:** a small platform near the top of a mast used as a lookout for ships or land.

Fun Fact: Crows were caged aboard to help the ship's navigator determine where the closest land lay when weather prevented sighting the shore. A crow was released and always headed toward land.