# Stranded at Sea

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## Discuss

#### Talk through your thoughts.

- Before reading, think about if you've ever heard a news story about someone being stranded at sea? Talk to adults or friends about what you've heard and ask if they know any stranded at sea stories. After reading this book, share one of these stories with that adult or friend.
- Throughout this book, what are some reasons that people decided to go out to sea? Is going
  out to sea worth the dangers? Why or why not? Talk with a friend or family member about
  these questions.

## Create

#### Make an experience of your own.

- Each true story in this book includes a list of key terms. Write a fictional story inspired by these true stories using at least five key terms from this book.
- Research any of the boats or ships in this book. Using materials around the house, create a small model of
  that boat or ship. Try to make your model as realistic as possible and see if you can get it to float.

## **Imagine**

### Use your imagination to explore.

- Imagine that you were stranded at sea. Using the knowledge that you gained from this book write at least ten journal entries detailing your challenges, pains, triumphs, and ultimately how you survived.
- Imagine that you could write a letter to someone you read about in this book. What would you ask? What thoughts would you want to express? Write that letter.

## **Explore**

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