

## **The Weather Theories**

Bad weather, whirlpools- even icebergs- were said to have damaged the *Mary Celeste* or frightened the crew into abandoning ship.

*What did the ship's log say about weather?*

*What kind of sailor was Captain Briggs?*

*Was the ship damaged?*

## **The Sea Monster Theory**

A hundred years ago, there was still people who believed that a sea monster – like a kraken or giant octopus – had somehow devoured the crew.

*Is there any creditable biological evidence of sea serpents or sea monsters?*

*Were there marks of any such struggle on the ship?*

## **The DEI GRATIA Conspiracy Theory**

Captain Morehouse and his crew, the only eyewitnesses to the mystery scene, had more to do with the disappearance than they were telling. Perhaps they were the ones who had disposed of the *Mary Celeste's* crew. Or perhaps Captain Morehouse had conspired with Captain Briggs over dinner , planning the abandonment.

*What family did Captain Briggs leave behind?*

*What kind of money would have been involved?*

*How respectable were the two captains?*

