Footnoting example

Please remember you would not have so many footnotes in one paragraph. This is for an example only.

Inquiry question: Why was piracy so successful during the Age of Exploration?

1. Triangular trade route (the example paragraph)
2. Small uninhabited islands
3. War in Europe between colonial empires

Pirates took advantage of the triangular trade route during the seventeenth century to considerably increase their wealth. This route comprised of merchant ships transporting slaves from ports in Africa to the Caribbean where once empty, they were then loaded with gold and silver before sailing back to Europe where the process began again.¹ These ships also used this route consistently because of the prevailing trade winds and currents which assisted their voyages but made them easy targets for pirates. During this period pirates attacked merchant ships from all nations disrupting trade routes and halting the growth of the New World economy.² Bartholomew Roberts was one of the most successful pirates at this time capturing over 400 ships terrorizing and upsetting merchant shipping from Newfoundland to Brazil and the Caribbean and the African coast.³ He was effective because he usually commanded a fleet of anywhere from two to four pirate ships which would

² ibid., p. 14.
surround, catch victims and take any riches that were on board.⁴ During the age of exploration pirates were also successful because they used small and uninhabited islands with harbours to hide from capture.

⁴ Hamilton, op.cit., p. 20.
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