



Answers to the Viewing assignments

Lessons 1.2 and 4.2

Lesson 1.2 Crew

1. What does Jacob bring aboard?

Answer: In one duffel bag: a bowl, a knife and clothes, amongst other things. In the other duffel bag he brings consumer goods because “apparently they like it there, I can exchange it.”

2. What is ballast?

Answer: Weight that is placed in the ship so it lies in the water deep enough and doesn't tip over easily during a storm. In the film the extra ballast consists of “useful ballast” such as cannons and stones for the fortresses.”

3. Many crewmembers fall ill, which illness do most of them have?

Answer: scurvy.

4. What is the cause of this illness?

Answer: a lack of fresh food and vitamin C.

5. What are the consequences for the patient suffering this illness?

Answer: In the film they say, teeth falling out of the mouth and stuffiness. Many crewmembers die from the ailment related to scurvy. What is not stated in the film, but are symptoms caused by scurvy: swelling and bleeding of the gums; bruises, mostly on the lower legs; weakness; stiff and painful limbs; internal bleeding.

Lesson 4.2 The Middle Passage

1. How many Dutch slave ships made the Middle Passage to the New World (the America's and the Caribbean)?

Answer: 1600 Dutch ships with nearly 600.000 slaves made the passage to the New World, the former Dutch Antilles, Surinam and the surrounding region.

2. How often did enslaved Africans come into revolt?

Answer: During the 1600 slave voyages under the Dutch flag there was resistance over 300 times. That is nearly 1 in 5 ships.

3. On which Dutch ship, which was near the Surinamese coast, did the slaves revolt?

Answer: on the ship The Vigilante, towards the end of the 18th century, this was a ship from the province of Zeeland.

4. What percentage of the enslaved Africans died on Dutch ships during the Middle Passage?

Answer: Ultimately 80.000 Africans did not survive the journey to the New World. On average 13% of the prisoners died.

Lessons 3.1 Aboard and 6.1 New cargo

The assignments belonging to the Viewing assignments for lessons **3.1 Aboard** and **6.1 New cargo** are free form and expressional. No questions with answers were made.