



The crewmembers were all responsible for running and maintaining the ship. A number of tasks were set on paper. There was enough work to be done. The crew began each day with prayer lead by the captain. At 8 o'clock everybody needed to get to work.

① Reading comprehension

At times the weather conditions during The Unity's voyage were very bad. During a storm something could go wrong or break. The ship's council then needed to make a statement.

"We, the undersigned officers, declare that on the 5th of June 1762, we experienced strong gusts of wind from the East-Northeast and also from the East, accompanied by a high seas. We were floating in front of the coast of Chama, attached with two anchors. During this gust of wind, two of our water canoes capsized, floated away, but were also picked up again. However, we lost eleven of our water barrels."

What capsized?

Where was the ship anchored?

What was lost?

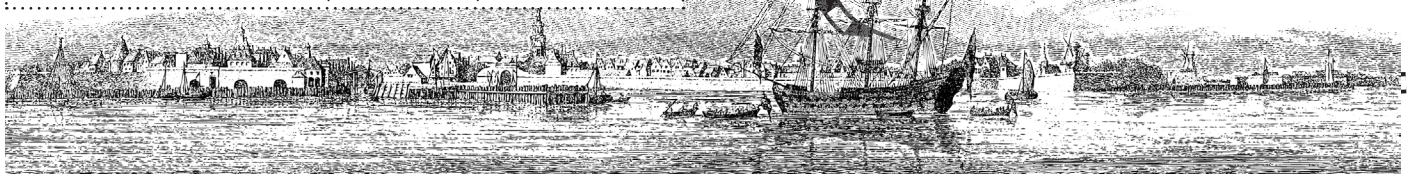
What is the name of the ship?

② Proverbs and sayings with wind

List as many proverbs and sayings with the word wind in them:

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Tip: use a dictionary or do a websearch



③ Definition of words

Find the correct meaning with the word.

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| 1. Middle watch | = | ... | a. Yellow copper bell |
| 2. Hourglass | = | ... | b. Instrument to indicate direction |
| 3. Ships bell | = | ... | c. Watch in shipping |
| 4. Compass | = | ... | d. Watch with some free time |
| 5. Dogwatch | = | ... | e. Instrument to measure time |

④ Life on board

Sometimes it took a ship two years to travel from Middelburg via Africa to the America's and back to Middelburg. What was life like on board in those two years? Try to write down what needed to be done on board:

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⑤ Proverbs and sayings

Write down three proverbs and/or sayings with (a) ship(s).

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⑥ Weather words

The weather is a combination of temperature, clouds, wind speed and humidity in a specific location.

List words that are related to the weather, or weather conditions, which might influence sailing, such as breezy, cloudy, etc.

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