



Lesson 6.2

At sea and settlement



Persons aboard The Unity were given free medical care. The surgeon brought medicine and instruments from Zeeland. Amongst other things the trunk contained medicine against many of the most common ailments, such as diarrhea (the runs), dysentery (bloody flux), scurvy and malaria (fever). Prior to departure the trunk was inspected and carefully sealed. The surgeon was given the key and was responsible for the content of the trunk during the voyage.

① A sick girl

Not all imprisoned Africans survived the voyage. Many died from disease and some by jumping overboard. Upon The Unity's arrival to the colonies, slaves still die. The surgeon writes down all deaths in his journal.

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Five weeks before she would pass away, a girl slave started suffering from lethargus, a sleeping disease. I tried my hardest to keep her conscious. I purged her often and made her vomit as well. I put a blistering plaster in her neck as well as on both her legs and I gave her life balm (prescription 12) to add lines to it. I smeared the balm on her twice daily, but all effort was in vain, as she died on the 1st of this month."

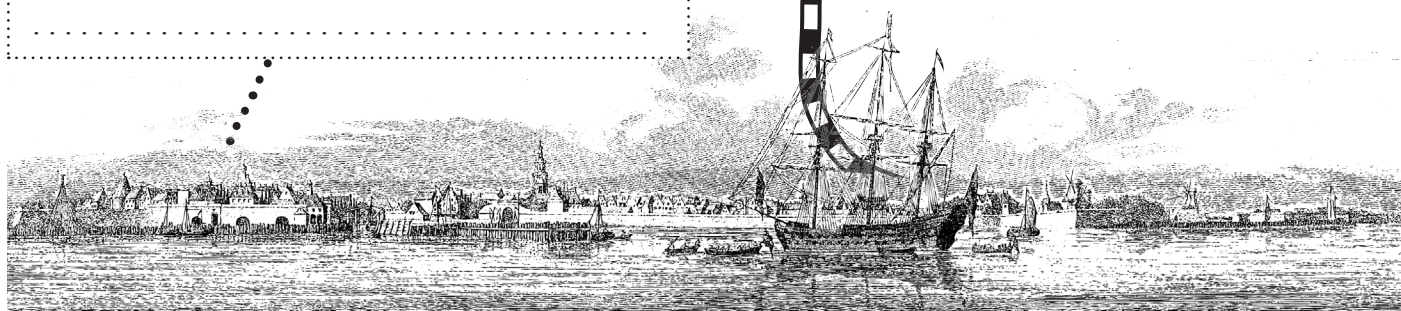
The surgeon describes with each treatment of the Africans that he did his utmost to keep the sick slave alive. Why do you suspect he reports this explicitly in his journal each time?

② Recount

In your own words, recount what happened to the African girl, which disease she contracted, how long she suffered before her passing and what the surgeon did to keep her alive.

③ Passing

The African girl passed away aboard The Unity on July 1st, 1762. What do you suppose happened to her body?



④ Navigation

Along the coast and rivers the first mate aboard The Unity used land- and coastal navigation.

Choose the correct explanation of coastal navigation.

- a. Estimating the distance between ship and land.
- b. Determining position based on visual markers along the shore.
- c. Measuring the width of a river.
- d. Determining position based on the location of the sandbanks.

How is this done today?

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⑤ Sea navigation

At sea, sea navigation is used.

What does sea navigation mean?

- a. Determining location based on the buoys at sea.
- b. Guessing location based on the types of fish in the ocean.
- c. Determining location by utilizing dead reckoning and navigational instruments.
- d. Measuring the height and speed of the waves.

How would you navigate, for example from your home to school?

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⑥ Connect the opposites

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| confined | ● | ● | modern |
| struggle | ● | ● | inexperienced |
| old fashioned | ● | ● | spacious |
| diversity | ● | ● | west |
| homogenous | ● | ● | murky |
| east | ● | ● | wind still |
| clear | ● | ● | uniformity |
| stormy | ● | ● | ease |
| boss | ● | ● | new |
| abundant | ● | ● | scarce |
| experienced | ● | ● | heterogenous |
| antique | ● | ● | subordinate |
| pull | ● | ● | push |

