



Lesson 2.1: Setting sail – World Orientation

Answers

Question 1

Why were they not fully loaded in the harbor?

Answer: the water was too shallow a fully loaded ship could not sail through the canal.

Who, or what, do you think pulled the ships from the harbor to Fort Rammekens? Answer: the ship was pulled by four horses and guided by a river pilot.

At Fort Rammekens the ship was brought up stream. What does this mean?

Answer: b. Brought to a specific point.

Can you explain?

Answer: In a harbor a sailing vessel could not sail independently, it was pulled to a place from where it could sail off on her own.

Question 2

Answer: b. They were required to come and work.

(They were needed to help load to cargo onto the ship)

Question 3

Why do you think this was?

Answer: To sail you need wind. The ship needed to wait for favorable winds.

Why was the fort built?

Answer: To protect the busy waterways to Middelburg and Antwerp.

Question 4

Answer: c. bread

Why do you think this was?

Answer: On the last day prior to departure, they can purchase the freshest bread for the voyage.

How did the cook get fresh food on board?

Answer: Prior to departure food was stored for the voyage to Africa. In Africa food was bought from coastal inhabitants and merchants. In the West Indies food was purchased in the colonies.