



Lesson 6.1: New cargo – World Orientation

Answers

Question 1

Which goods would be brought back?

Answer: ivory and gold from Western Africa. Sugar, cacao, coffee, tobacco and cotton from the West Indies.

What needed to happen on the ship before beginning the voyage home?

Answer:

- Clean the ship
- Reparations
- General maintenance
- Chopping firewood
- Removal of the slave quarters
- Clean up cargo holds
- Reload the cargo

Question 2

Answer:

- fresh food
- firewood for cooking
- fresh drinking water for in the water barrels
- letter bags with letters for people back home in the Netherlands

Question 3

Answer:

1. porters
2. to get clarity about all financial matters, including potential repairs.
3. (own interpretation). Information: The profit was largely for the MCC. All crewmembers received wages. The captain and officers received 'slave money', a bonus for each sold slave. When the voyage ended with a profit, they would also receive a percentage of the profit. The captain earned the highest salary and received the highest percentage of slave money and from the profit. It is known that the captain owned two large houses in Middelburg. He presumably spent a portion of his bonus on these.

Other answers are also possible: buying books, clothes, furniture, party, etc.

Question 4

Own interpretation, such as: coffee: drink cappuccino; ivory: chess pieces; cacao: chocolate milk or candy bars; tobacco: used for cigarettes, pipes, cigars, etc.; cotton: for clothing, towels, linens, etc.

Question 5

Own interpretation, such as raw materials (such as gold, oil and bauxite), wood, vegetables, fruit, rice, etc.