

Name _____



Voyagers' Choices

Directions: Read each "Would You Rather?" situation below. Choose one option for each and explain *why* you would make that choice in 2-3 complete sentences. Use what you know about the Age of Exploration to support your reasoning.

1. **Would you rather** sail west across the unknown Atlantic Ocean like Columbus, or sail around the tip of Africa like da Gama? Why?
2. **Would you rather** be part of Magellan's crew sailing around the entire world, or stay behind and map the coastlines of your home country? Why?
3. **Would you rather** search for gold and riches in new lands, or explore to spread new ideas and cultures? Why?
4. **Would you rather** travel by ship through stormy seas for months, or explore dangerous new lands filled with unfamiliar plants and animals? Why?
5. **Would you rather** be an explorer discovering new trade routes, or a mapmaker charting the paths for future explorers? Why?
6. **Would you rather** face sea sickness on a long voyage, or the risk of running out of food far from home? Why?
7. **Would you rather** sail for a powerful king who offers great reward, or for a smaller country that promises freedom to explore your own way? Why?
8. **Would you rather** risk your life to make history like Magellan, or play it safe and teach others about explorers' achievements? Why?