

Name _____

Voyagers' Choices Answer Key

Answers will vary, but should show reasoning connected to exploration realities.

1. Columbus - because sailing west into the unknown seems exciting and risky.
2. Map the coastlines - because it would feel safer but still important for future voyages.
3. Spread ideas - because it helps connect cultures and share discoveries.
4. Explore new lands - because seeing new places would be thrilling despite danger.
5. Mapmaker - because you could help others navigate safely.
6. Sea sickness - because at least there's a chance to recover once back on land.
7. Small country - because I'd have more independence to explore freely.
8. Teach others - because I'd want to share history rather than risk my life.

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For younger or struggling writers, provide sentence starters (e.g., "I would rather... because...").
 - Challenge advanced students to add one historical fact supporting each choice.
 - Allow oral responses for students who benefit from verbal expression before writing.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Hold a class "Voyager Vote" where students stand on different sides of the room based on their choices and explain why.
 - Let pairs debate opposite choices before writing their individual explanations.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students design their own "Would You Rather?" question using a real exploration event.
 - Encourage journal entries written from the point of view of an explorer making one of these tough decisions.