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Columbus's Packing List Answer Key

There are many acceptable answers to this creative activity. Below are **sample acceptable items with justifications**, demonstrating historical thinking:

Item	Why This Item Is Important
1. Compass	Helps navigate and stay on course at sea.
2. Maps	Charts known parts of the ocean and coastline for planning.
3. Extra sails	In case of damage from storms or strong winds.
4. Rope	Essential for tying, repairs, and securing cargo.
5. Lanterns	Provides light on the ship at night or in dark cargo holds.
6. Medicine chest	Holds herbs and tools for treating wounds or sickness.
7. Trade goods (beads, cloth)	Used to trade or communicate with people they may meet.
8. Logbook and quill pen	To write down the events of the journey and new discoveries.
9. Armor or weapons	For protection in unknown territories.
10. Bible or religious item	Spiritual comfort and daily prayers, which were important then.