JOURNAL SAMPLE CAPTAIN COOK’S DIARY

Sunday, 6th. At 3 o'clock in the P.M. anchor'd under the South-East side of Princes Island in 18 fathoms water, in order to recruite our wood and water, and to procure refreshments for the people, which are now in a much worse state of health than when we left Batavia. After coming to an anchor I went on shore to look at the watering place, and to speak with the Natives, some of whom were upon the Beach. I found the watering place convenient, and the water to all appearance good, Provided proper care is taken in the filling of it. The Natives seemed inclined to supply us with Turtle, Fowls, etc.; Articles that I intended laying in as great a stock as possible for the benefit of the Sick, and to suffer every one to purchase what they pleased for themselves, as I found these people as easy to traffick with as Europeans. In the morning sent the Gunner ashore with some hands to fill water, while others were empboy'd putting the whole to rights, sending on shore Empty Casks, etc. Served Turtle to the Ship's Company. Yesterday was the only Salt meat day they have had since our arrival at Java, which is now near 4 months.

Monday, 7th. From this day till Monday 14th we were employ'd wooding and watering, being frequently interrupted by heavy rains. Having now compleated both we hoisted in the Long boat, and made ready to put to Sea, having on board a pretty good stock of refreshments, which we purchased of the natives, such as Turtle, Fowls, Fish, two species of Deer, one about as big as a small sheep, the other no bigger than a Rabbit; both sorts eat very well, but are only for present use, as they seldom lived above 24 hours in our possession. We likewise got fruit of several sorts, such as Cocoa Nutts, plantains, Limes, etc. The Trade on our part was carried on chiefly with money (Spanish Dollars); the natives set but little value upon any thing else. Such of our people as had not this Article traded with Old Shirts, etc., at a great disadvantage.

Tuesday, 15th. Had variable light airs of wind, with which we could not get under sail until the morning, when we weighed with a light breeze at North-East, which was soon succeeded by a calm.

JOURNAL SAMPLE DIARY OF SLAVE TRADER

So we got our release, me and my black companion, and after about twenty days I got safe to my vessel again. We soon sailed, after I got back, for Barbados where we arrived in about 25 days. We sold our Negroes to some Gentlemen to carry them over to the Dutch Main. We then, after repairing the vessel, sailed for Bristol, when we arrived in the month of October 1770.

We stayed at home about four months and then fitted out again for Gambia and with the same comander sailed to Africa and thence to Charlestown. In the month of September from the 19th until the 23rd we was in a continual gale.

We was obliged to batten down our gratings fore and aft for the whole time of the gale. It cut our boat to pieces on the deck, and heave her overboard. At this time we could not give any subsistence to the slaves, so that during the gale we lost 20 or so of the slaves that was situated below, and the remainder much impaired, so that we came to a very bad market.’

SAILORS JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT

Goal: Write a trade journal from a sailor’s perspective.

Elements That Must Be Included:

* Must include trade with the indigenous population.
* Must include geographic location
* Must include the profitability of these trades

Helpful Advice (to get you started):

* Sailors write a lot about wind and how many leagues they traveled.
* Sailors write about storms.
* Sailors write about illness.
* Sailors write about times they go into port or trade.
* Sailors write about who they trade with.
* Sailors write about weather and conditions of their ships.
* Sailors write about ocean currents and ocean conditions.
* Sailors write about the animals and birds around them.
* Sailors write about the temperament of their crew.

Rules

* About 5 pages
* At least 5 unique entries
* Written in first person
* Minimum of one entry devoted towards trade.
* Date of entries must fall between 1600-1850

Sailor Journal Rubric

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|  | Exceeds | Meets | Minimally | Does not Meet |
| Requirements Met | Has a full 5 pages of writing. The journal has been made to look like an actual journal of a sailor from the colonial era. | A full 5 pages of writing with at least 5 entries. | 3-5 pages of writing with at least 5 entries. Font size or margins might have been liberally played with in order to look complete | Less than 3 pages of writing |
| Character | The writer has a distinct character and personality with a background and history | The writer has a distinct character and personality. | The writer has personality but the student has limited themselves to clichés. | The writer of the journal is generic, lacks detail or personality. |
| Interest | The read is exciting. Has a book quality to it. Reader is curious and wants to know what happens next. | The read is exciting but lacks a professional quality. Reader is moderately curious. | Read is exciting but lacks the necessary description to draw the reader in. | The read is simply details and facts and is not very exciting. |
| Historic Accuracy | The student conducted independent research to include historic accuracy into their project | The project accurately mimics the novel and material from class. | The project somewhat mimics the material from class. | The project lacks historic accuracy. |

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