



Museum Access: Mystic Seaport Museum

SEASON 2 - EPISODE 5

Question 6

Describe a typical day on a whaling ship.

More Talking Points:

1. When a pod of whales was spotted, what would happen on deck?
2. How did a typical whaling ship transform into a factory after capturing a whale?

Question 7

Why were songs sung by the crew while performing difficult tasks?

More Talking Points:

1. How does music make work easier?
2. Do you listen to music while you work? Why or why not?

Question 8

What does the Mayflower II represent to American maritime heritage?

More Talking Points:

1. Why was the Mayflower II originally brought to the United States?
2. Describe its journey to the Mystic Seaport shipyard.

Question 9

The restoration of the Mayflower II was a major project for the shipyard at Mystic. How was this project able to help teach the trade to a new generation?

More Talking Points:

1. What were some of the considerations for materials on this project?
2. How do projects like this preserve our maritime heritage?

Question 10

Many jobs in the past required living and working on ships for an extended period of time. What modern jobs require that you live on a ship?

More Talking Points:

1. Would you ever want to live on a ship? For how long?
2. Have you ever been on a boat or ship? What was it like?

