

Dangerous Crossing

Name _____

Date _____

Directions: In the sentences below, choose the correct vocabulary word from the word bank.

Word Bank

embark	surveyed	conduct	cramped	bracing
pressing	distracted	representatives	viewpoint	shattered

1. Although John Adams felt sick because of the large, rolling waves, he _____ himself by writing in his diary.
2. At ten years old, John was about to _____ on an adventurous journey on a ship to France with his father.
3. The main mast was _____ because their ship had been struck by lightning.
4. Johnny's father and the captain would often discuss the _____ of the ship and their mission that awaited them.
5. It was very dangerous to sail a ship in the middle of the winter, however time was _____ so they sailed anyway.
6. As the ship pitched and rolled violently, Johnny and his father began _____ themselves against the boards, planks, and timbers with their feet.
7. Below the ships deck, that passageways were _____, and everywhere they went there was a terrible smell.
8. From the _____ of the captain and his officers, they did not want to sail away from the three ships unless they knew they were in danger.
9. After the storm the captain _____ the damage to evaluate the torn sails, and splintered masts.
10. Other _____ were in France already, but they needed help to solicit additional resources to help the new Americans and their fight for freedom.