**Q and A with a Crewmember of the *Endurance***

**(\_\_\_\_\_\_/50)**

Crewmember’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Crewmember’s Role: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your actual name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Possible Questions**

You must choose five from the following table; there are fifteen options

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| How would you describe the expedition? | How would you summarize the expedition? | **What other way would you plan to attack this expedition?**  | How would you categorize Shackleton’s leadership? | What changes would you make to solve the challenges the crew faced in Antarctica? |
| Can you list three contributions that you made to this expedition? | What can you say about your role on this ship? | How would you solve being stranded in Antarctica based on what you learned? | What is the relationship between leadership and fame? | Do you agree with the choices Shackleton made? Please Explain |
| Who was the hardest person to get along with on the ship, and why? | What is the biggest lesson you learned on this voyage? | What questions would you ask in an interview with Shackleton? (Please list three) | What evidence can you find to justify this expedition knowing its results? | What would you cite to defend the actions of Shackleton? |

Answer #1

How would you categorize Shackleton’s leadership?

*An examination of \_Shackleton’s leadership\_\_\_\_\_\_ will reveal that \_\_not all of his decisions made sense\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A key reason for this is \_\_that he picked the wrong boat\_\_\_\_\_\_. For instance, \_\_in the early 1900’s ice breakers were not only around, but they were also easily \_purchased\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

*This suggests that \_Shackleton was attempting this expedition with only fame in mind\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. On a final note, \_I acknowledge him as an incredible leader, but I find many things wrong with his preparation for this journey\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

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Answer #2 **What other way would you plan to attack this expedition?**

*To understand our predicament\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it is necessary to take a closer look at \_\_ the ice breakers available at this time.*

*It is widely recognized that \_the first steam powered ice breaker invented was made in Philadelphia in 1857. It was small and not very durable. In 1897, Englishmen made the Yermak, and it was a very durable seafaring powerhouse.*

*On the other hand, \_\_\_Shackleton took us in a glorified lifeboat with a V shaped hull\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

*Consequently, we got stuck in the ice with little hope to live.*

*To summarize, \_pride was the price we paid for health and well being\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

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Answer #3 Frank Wild

What is the biggest lesson you learned on this voyage?

*The impact of \_this voyage\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can be seen in\_\_\_\_\_the many awards I received for my “contributions to exploration and advancing geography”\_\_but the lessons I learned were found in the mates I protected.*

*Take into consideration\_that my mates needed me to be perfect every day, and that is when I learned to put all others before myself. I would have never received these awards without them, and I would have never honed my craft quite like this. We had to travel to South Georgia Island with a makeshift crew and a boat put together with “seal blood” and oil paints.*

*This illustrates the importance of \_both ingenuity and putting others before yourself\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

*Similarly, \_\_I learned this skill from my Master, Sir Ernest Shackleton\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

*The point is \_awards will come when you put others first\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

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Answer #4

Who was the hardest person to get along with on the ship, and why?

\_\_\_\_Camaraderie\_\_\_ is significant because \_you spend a year with these people\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*This illustrates the importance of \_\_Shackleton’s foresight in choosing his crew, but he was not perfect: Chippy McNish was the worst\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

*This suggests that \_even when a person attempts to cover things like personality and morale it is very difficult to predict\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Yet another reason may be \_it’s impossible. How do you know who will get along with one another for over a year?\_\_\_\_. Above all, let’s remember that \_he was the “only vocal dissenter.” There were others that felt the way he did, but Shackleton’s greatness in leadership was how he handled him – in private and very firmly\_.*

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Answer #5

What would you cite to defend the actions of Shackleton?

*The purpose of this expedition was to \_cross Antarctica from one side to another, but it is hard to defend all of Shackleton’s actions\_\_\_.*

*This is true because \_he took dogs without a sled driver, picked a boat without steel plates or a U-shaped hull, and he refused the Royal Navy’s assistance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

*As a result of \_his inability to make these logical choices\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it became clear that \_\_we needed a special leader to survive\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

*This illustrates the importance of \_camaraderie. Although Shackleton made mistakes, his greatness was in keeping our morale with games and our health with self-sacrifice. Our leader always put us first.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

*Ultimately, these three decisions are hard to defend. They are common sense type decisions, but not every one is perfect, and our Master got us home safe eventually. He gave everything of his being to keep us safe. That, to me, is the essence of leadership.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

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