**Source B:**

***Taken from a report written by the captain of a slave ship.***

“Slaves had enough room, enough air, and enough food. When up on deck, they made fun and danced. As to dying... it wasn’t a big worry. The trip from African to the West Indies was one of the happiest periods of a Negro’s life.”

1. What does source B suggest the journey on board a slave ship was like?
2. Why do you think source B is likely to **infer** a positive perspective of the journey across the middle passage? Why would slave traders do this?
3. What does source A tell you about Equiano’s experience on board a slave ship?
4. What does this source tell you about the slave trader’s ***attitude*** towards slaves? Explain why using examples from source A.
5. What can you **infer** about what life was like for slaves crossing the middle passage?

**Source A:**

***From ‘The Life of Olaudah Equiano the African’ (1789). Olaudah Equiano, was captured and sold as a slave in the kingdom of Benin in Africa.***

“I was soon put down under the decks, and there I got such a smell in my nostrils. With the stench I become so sick and low that I was not able to eat. I now wished for death, to relieve me. But soon, to my upset, two of the white men offered me food; and, on my refusing to eat, one of them held me…while the other flogged my severely.”