

Visual Assignment 2

Requirements

Write a brief 250-500 word essay in response to the following topic. Your essay should follow the usual rules of English grammar and spelling. For guidance on questions of style, consult the document labeled "Editing Suggestions," or the links to Strunk and White or the [MIT Online Writing Communication Center](#).

Prompt

Select an image from the Hart Nautical Collection (at the MIT Museum) that depicts some aspect of maritime activity from the so-called 'age of sail' (e.g. life at sea, arrival in port, maritime industry, etc.). Evaluate that image in the context of a contemporary first-hand account of maritime trade, exploration, or exploitation. A number of such accounts are available in digital primary sources collections. Links to some easily available sources are below.

- [Journal of Adriaen Matham, 1640-1642](#)
- [Bontekoe Journal / Diary](#)
- [Aaron Thomas: The Caribbean Journal of a Royal Navy Seaman](#)
- [The Journals of James Cook's First Pacific Voyage, 1768-1771](#)
- [Two Hundred Years Before the Mast: Sea Voyages of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries](#)

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