**The Crew of the Queen Anne’s Revenge**

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After many years of being a colonial trader in the Bahamas, I have finally settled on a position on the ship named the Queen Anne’s Revenge. It is my great pleasure to be the trade expert on this ship, and have a better chance of earning more money. Although being a pirate is fairly new, I have dealt with both pirates and colonial officials previously, which gives me some extra knowledge on being a pirate. I look forward to putting my knowledge of trade routes and valuable goods to use in my new profession. I see myself as an individual who has great knowledge about different ports and trading with many different types of people. Intellectually, I am a critical and analytical thinker with a diplomatic and proactive mindset. Overall, my goal is to make money while staying safe.

There are many different topics that could come up, and as a trading expert, I have many views on them. The first and most common is an attack or passing by of another ship. As pirates, it is a natural instinct to attack. This is where my skills are put especially to use. I have a very strong trading ability. I can negotiate a deal with them, either before or after the battle, which dictates the procedure of what will happen. This could potentially include them surrendering to us, should we win, or a deal where we both go our separate ways and do not interact with each other. This is just a sample of the many solutions that I can come up with. Another common topic would be a war at sea. During this encounter, I would be as tactical and diplomatic as possible, making sure that my areas of expertise were covered and that I can be as useful as possible. In a war at sea, my primary goal would be to defeat the opposition and gain money and treasures.

As a trading expert, I have very diplomatic and straightforward view on topics, however not all ideas fit within my range of what is acceptable and what is not. Firstly, organization and discipline are imperative towards the success of the Queen Anne’s Revenge. Without sufficient rules and guidelines of how we should live our lives and treat each other, situations and property, chaos will ensue and this will be the end of us. To address this problem, one of the first actions I will take will be to create an “Articles of Agreement” between all of my fellow pirates on the Queen Anne’s Revenge. This will establish a new respect between the pirates and ensure that we can work cohesively as one strong unit. I believe that the “Articles of Agreement” should include topics such as weaponry, chain of command, food and rations, prizes and money, actions during a war or battle, and many more. There is one idea that I would reject under most circumstances. This is the splitting up of the crew. We all have different skills and talents that are required with the many operating tasks and we must work cohesively to achieve our goals. If we gain control of another crew on another ship, then it would be acceptable to split up, however we must keep in mind that if it us in power, we must have control of the ships. As an expert appraiser, it would be my job to determine whether or not having this crew under our control would be worth it. However, in the case where we would have surplus manpower and multiple ships, and we were attacking, then I wholeheartedly agree that it would be acceptable to split up. This would require immense discipline, tactics, and the full completion of this task. It is crucial that we contemplate all ideas that come forward, to ensure that we are making the right decision and a decision that will prosper us, rather than hinder our success.