

- ☞ From the statements below, choose those you associate with living conditions on a ship at sea during the 17th century (the others refer more to travelling on a cruise ship in the 21st century!):

Onboard doctors and nurses are on hand at all times and medication is available at the infirmary.

In cases of serious illness or accidents, it is possible to contact emergency services by radio transmission.

*Living in close quarters does not permit privacy or tranquility.*

Private rooms are comfortable and quite spacious.

*Drinkable water must be rationed so that it does not run out during the voyage.*

Meals prepared by chefs are copious, healthy and delicious.

*Because there are no toilets, chamber pots are used and the contents thrown overboard.*

*In addition to scurvy, the crew could be stricken by the plague or other often mortal diseases.*

To relax, passengers are welcome to enjoy spa facilities, such as massages.

There is non-stop entertainment, such as, the casino, shows, discotheques, swimming pools, arcades, gyms, shops and much more.

*If weak winds cause the voyage to be longer than expected, food can fall short. Already unsavoury, it could actually go stale or dry out.*

*Hygiene is practically non-existent. Filth and odours are part of everyday life onboard.*

The ship is luxurious, safe and enjoyable. A place for a great vacation!

*To avoid epidemics, the dead cannot remain onboard while waiting to arrive to destination for burial. Their bodies must be thrown overboard.*

- ☞ From the statements below, choose those you associate with life in Ville-Marie and in New France in the 17th century:

The homes are comfortable, well insulated and heated.

*The territory is made up of impenetrable forests. There are very few roads; the rivers and streams are the main ways to travel.*

*Travelling is long and arduous. The canoe is very useful. During the winter, snow shoes are essential.*

*Because of threats of Iroquois or British attacks, safety was always foremost on people's minds.*

Travelling from Montreal to Quebec City by bus or train takes just a few hours.

Electric lights and appliances such as refrigerators, washers and dryers, dish washers and microwave ovens make life much easier.

*In winter, it is extremely cold and apparel brought from Europe must be adapted to the climate. In summer, the heat and humidity as well as the mosquitoes are unbearable.*

*Typhus, measles and chicken pox are highly contagious diseases which affect many families.*

Telephone or internet communications are very easy.

*People get water from streams or wells. They heat it on the fire so they can wash themselves from time to time.*

Travelling on the high-way by car from downtown Montreal to Pointe-aux-Trembles takes just 20 minutes.

*Wood is used for heating. Hot-water bottles are placed under the sheets to warm the beds made of straw or reeds. Bedtime is at sunset because the days are exhausting and candles must not be wasted.*

*Dim light is also provided by a type of lamp called "bec-de-corbeau". For entertainment, people played card games or music.*