Deep Reading

English 9/10

Slavery Unit

Remember that Alexander Falconbridge, despite his later work as an abolitionist, was a member of the slave ship’s crew. As surgeon (the eighteenth-century term for a ship’s doctor), he was responsible for the health of the crew and the slaves. As you read, consider the tone of each part of the narrative.

**Initial** **Reading**:

What do you believe was the author’s primary point?

**Reread**:

What tone was used? List examples from the article to support your response.

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER- provide supportive evidence from the article to support your response.**

1. How did Falconbridge feel about the slave trade?
2. Did all ships’ surgeons feel the same way?
3. Did the crew see slaves as passengers or as cargo? How can you tell?
4. What does this document tell us about the triangle trade in general?