

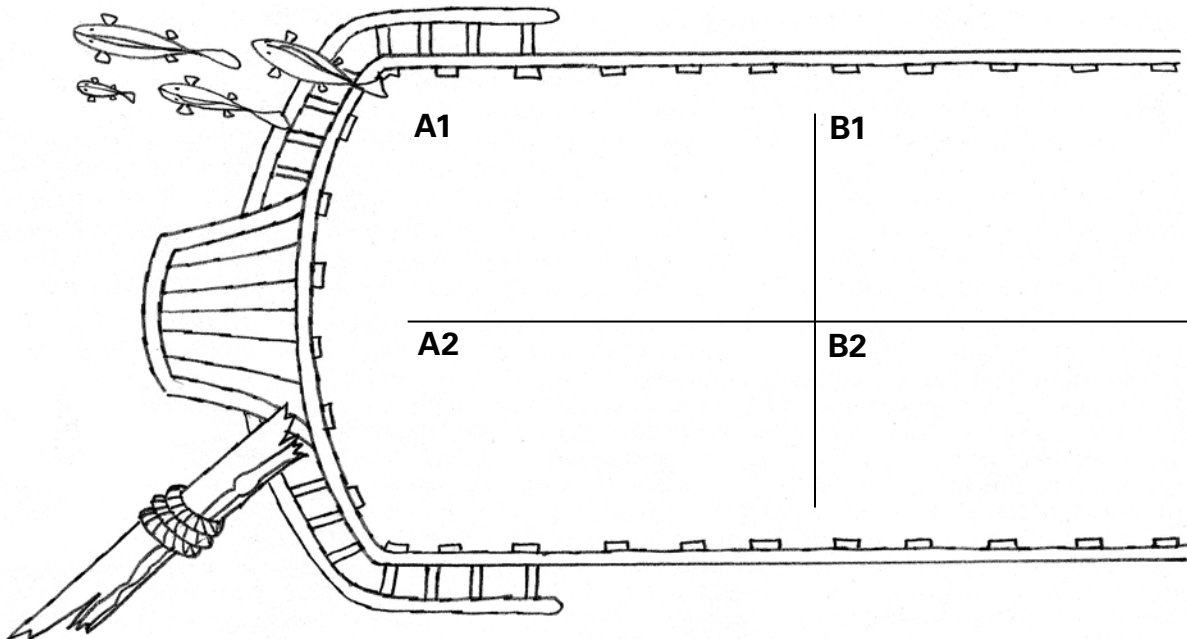
Examine the object on the placard you took from the sunken ship. Draw a picture of the object in the part of the ship outline that matches the place on the ship where you found the placard. Then look through Sections 3 to 10 in your Student Edition.

**A1** Object: *Potato*

This was important to explorers because . . . many New World plants, such as corn, potatoes, and beans, provided healthful new foods for Europe.

**B1** Object: *Bible*

This was important to explorers because . . . they used the Bible to help them spread the Christian religion.



**A2** Object: *Tobacco plant*

This was important to explorers because . . . it became a valuable cash crop for colonies in the New World.

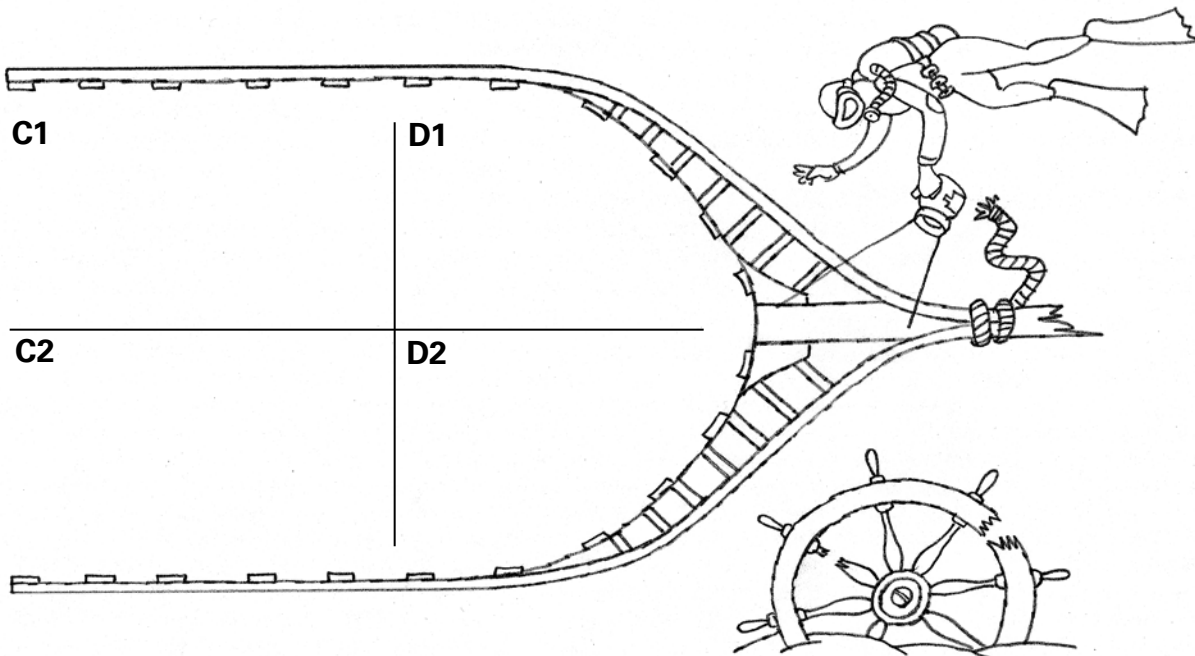
**B2** Object: *Gold coin*

This was important to explorers because . . . European countries wanted to build their wealth.

Find the section about this object. Read to find out why this object was important to explorers. Complete the information in the box that matches the place in which you drew the picture.

**C1** Object: Flag  
 This was important to explorers because . . . planting a flag on a new land claimed that land for their country and ruler.

**D1** Object: Compass  
 This was important to explorers because . . . it showed which direction their ship was heading.



**C2** Object: Map  
 This was important to explorers because . . . maps showed the information they needed to know to cross the ocean. Ocean maps include such features as rocky shores and safe ports. Maps for navigation show where winds blow and ocean currents flow.

**D2** Object: Astrolabe  
 This was important to explorers because . . . to cross an open ocean and arrive at their destination, sailors needed a way to find their location and stay on course. This tool helped them measure their ship's latitude and navigate by day or night.