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Navigating Nonsense: A Columbus Enthusiast's Misadventure

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary. Some may choose to attempt it out of curiosity and a love for history, while others might not want to undergo the challenges and uncertainties of such a journey.
2. The most significant challenges they faced included difficulties with traditional navigation tools, seasickness, dwindling food supplies, and the disappointment of not reaching the New World. They tried to handle them by persevering and adapting but ultimately had to use modern technology to find their way back.
3. Tom likely gained a deeper appreciation for the complexities of historical navigation methods and the hardships that explorers like Columbus faced. He may also have realized the importance of modern technology in making navigation more accurate and accessible.
4. Advice could include better preparation, in-depth research, and seeking expert guidance on traditional navigation methods. Tom might also consider having backup plans in case challenges arise and focusing on safety and practicality rather than a strict historical recreation.

