

# Questions for Stevedore Film Answer Key

**Teacher Tip: Be prepared to either discuss the questions with the students or show the video again should the students need clarification for any of the questions.**

1. At the beginning of the video QM is listed on the title. What does QM mean?  
QM stands for quartermaster.
2. The narrator mentions that the longshoreman train on a “landlocked” ship. What does he mean by landlocked?  
A landlocked ship is not on the water. It is a mock or fake ship that is on the land and is used only for training purposes.
3. Why are these service members called “soldier longshoremen”?  
Soldiers are a part of the United States Army, and longshoremen are members of the Army, therefore Army longshoremen are known as soldiers.
4. What does the narrator mean when he says that the longshoremen are making the “rope fast”?  
The narrator means that the longshoremen are tying the rope tightly.
5. Before the stevedores begin their work, they remove their helmets. Can you explain why they do not need their helmets?  
Even though these service members are soldiers, the stevedores see no combat duties. While they load and unload supplies, the helmet is not a necessary piece of equipment, but if attacked stevedores must be ready to fight.
6. The stevedores remove the hatch covers. What is stored below the the hatch?  
Cargo is stored below the hold.
7. What is meant by the term “aft deck”?  
The aft deck is located at the back of a ship.
8. What does the narrator mean by “debarkation points”?  
Debarkation points are the ports to which the ships take the supplies.
9. The winchman is responsible for several different operations, explain at least two.  
The winchman is directed to lower the sling rope that the longshoremen attach to the pallet. Once the sling rope is attached, the winchman is directed to lift the pallet to the dock where the forklifter picks it up and moves cargo.
10. Why do stevedores train with a compressed air winch?  
It is easier and cheaper to use an air compressor than steam.