Expedition Planning

Use these questions to help imagine and plan an adventure round the world.

1. Why?
List reasons for and against travelling round the world:
“YES! I would like to travel round the world because...”
“NO! I would not like to travel round the world because...”

2. Where?
There are many things to think about before taking a big journey. The first decision is where do you want to go! Make a list of places you would like to visit. Explain your reasons.

Now draw onto the map the route you would like to take round the world. Label the places you are particularly interested in and other important details...

3. How?
How would you like to travel (car, boat, plane, bicycle, camel, canoe...)? Why?

4. What?
What equipment would you need to take?

5. What else would you need to organise, apart from the equipment?
6. What are some of the difficulties of travelling round the world?
7. What are some of the potential rewards and lessons of travel?
8. What would you miss while you were away?
9. Make an estimate of the various costs involved in your journey, and consider how you could raise the money.
10. When is the best time in your life to travel the world? Explain your answer.

Discussion

Read these quotations.
Choose one and explain it. Do you agree or disagree with what it is saying?

1. The longest journey starts with a single step – Lao Tze
2. Years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do – Mark Twain
3. The wonderful things in life are the things you do, not the things you have – Reinhold Messner
4. It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end. - Ursula K. Le Guin
5. Life’s journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, shouting: “Holy Cow.. What a ride!” - anon
6. Look, if you had one shot, one opportunity
To seize everything you ever wanted,
Would you capture it or just let it slip? - EMINEM
7. What we do in life, echoes in eternity - Gladiator
8. A good traveller has no fixed plans and is not intent upon arriving - Lao Tze
9. Life is what happens while you’re busy making other plans - John Lennon
10. Spend the day: you can’t take it with you – Annie Dillard
11. Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small steps - Henry Ford