

KEY VOCABULARY:

Antarctica - continent surrounding the Earth's South Pole

Asia - continent joined to North-east Europe to the north, and Eastern Europe and the Middle East to the west

Astronaut - explorer who travels into space

Australia - continent off the south-east of South-east Asia, with the Pacific Ocean to the east, the Southern Ocean to the south, and the Indian Ocean to the west
Biography - story of someone's life and achievements
Chronological order in order of time, from earliest to most recent

Explorer - person who travels long distances to unfamiliar places to find out about them, or in search of land, trade routes and goods, treasure, knowledge, adventure or glory

Hawaii - islands off the west coast of the USA
New Zealand islands to the south-east of Australia, in the Pacific Ocean

Pacific Ocean - the world's largest ocean, between Russia, Asia, Australia to the west, and North and South America to the east

Territory - land claimed as a possession by a ruler or nation
Trade buying or selling goods or service

Some world famous explorers:

Christopher Columbus was born in 1451. He was a sailor and he became famous for finding the 'Americas' in 1492 (though lots of people already lived there!) while he was trying to get to Asia.. He died in 1506.

Neil Armstrong is famous for being the first human being to set foot on the moon. He was born in 1930 and died in 2012.

Captain Robert Falcon Scott was born in Devon in 1868 and became an officer in the Royal Navy. He led two expeditions to Antarctica, the first from 1901 to 1904. He set off on the second expedition in 1910. He and his team reached the pole in January 1912. Unfortunately, the team all died on their journey back.

Ann Bancroft is a modern explorer. In 1986, she became the first woman to reach the North Pole on foot and by sled. It took the team of six 56 days to get there. In 2001, Ann and a Norwegian adventurer called Liz Arnesen became the first women to ski across Antarctica.

Can you research anymore?

Explore these questions:

QUESTION 1: Who was Ibn Battuta and what did he achieve?

QUESTION 2: Who was Captain Cook and what did he achieve?

QUESTION 3: Who was Rauld Amundsen and what did he achieve?

QUESTION 4: Who was Sunita Williams and what did she achieve?

SUGGESTED WEBSITES TO FIND OUT MORE:

<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/sunita-williams>
www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/roald-amundsen.php
www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/captain-james-cook.php
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