

Year 1 History

The Greatest Explorers

Who were the greatest explorers?

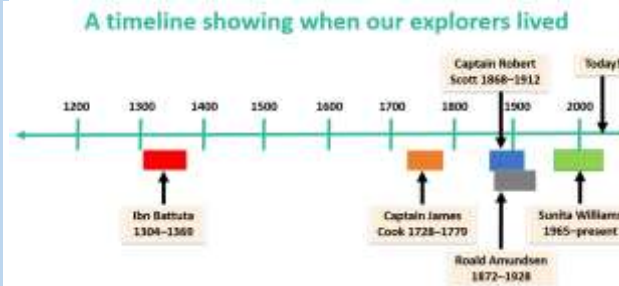
What I should already know:

be able to talk about events that have happened in my past. E.g. birthdays, holidays and other significant events.

Lesson 1: What is an explorer? (Draw an image of what you think an explorer looks like today or in the past. What qualities do they need to be a great explorer and what they need to take with them?)

People became explorers for:

- trade
- to find treasure
- scientific discovery,
- challenge
- glory and adventure
- Maps have changed over time because new countries have been discovered by explorers.
- Explorers used different transport to visit different places.



Old map of the world



(vocab for lesson)	(definition in child's speak)
explorer	a person who travels to and explores a new place.
map	a picture of a place
discover	find something new
equipment	the objects you need to do something
adventure	
trade	buying and selling things

Lesson 2: Why was Ibn Battuta a great explorer? (Read the sets of Ibn Battuta key facts cards and decide which is the most important piece of information about Ibn Battuta. Ask the children to prepare a role-play of the event, and then create a freeze frame of action. Children observe the freeze frames of each group and try to work out what is happening.)

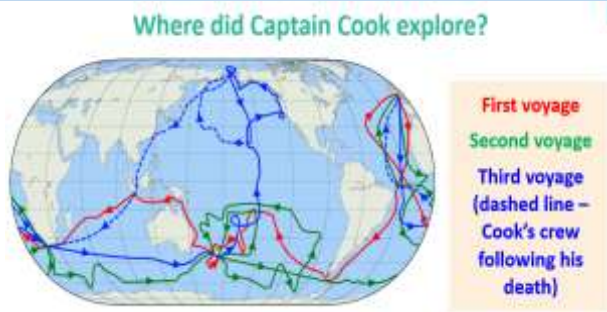
- Ibn Battuta was born in Morocco in 1304.
- At 21 years old, he made his first journey on the Hajj to Mecca.
- He spent 29 years travelling around the world.
- When Ibn returned to Morocco, he wrote a book called Rihla.
- His book tells us what many parts of the world were like nearly 700 years ago.
- Historians are not sure if the information in the book is accurate.
- In 1369 he died in Morocco.



desert	a very dry sandy place
Hajj	a journey to Mecca that Muslims make
journey	a long trip from one place to another
caravan	a group of people travelling across a desert
Rihla	Arabic word meaning journey

Lesson 3: Does everyone agree that Captain Cook was a great explorer? (Activity: Compare the journeys of Ibn Battuta and Captain Cook and discuss the different paintings of Captain Cook. Why would people have different views of Cook?)

- James Cook was born in Yorkshire in 1728.
 - In 1768, he went on the ship Endeavour and went on an expedition to the South Pacific Ocean.
 - Captain Cook's second voyage began in 1772. He explored most of the southern Pacific Ocean.
 - In Britain, he was given a medal for preventing scurvy.
 - In 1776, Captain Cook went on his third voyage to sail around the north-western coast of North America, but ice blocked the way.
- He turned back in Hawaii. While he was there, one of the ship's boats was stolen. Captain Cook took some men ashore to recover the boat. They got into a fight, and Captain Cook was killed.



uncharted	<i>an unknown area, not mapped</i>
navigation	<i>is how ships or aircraft find their way from one place to another</i>
botanist	<i>an expert who studies plants</i>
naturalist	<i>a person who studies the natural world, especially plants and animals</i>
indigenous	<i>describes the first people to live in a place</i>
pirate	<i>someone who attacks or steals from ships at sea</i>

Lesson 4: Why did Roald Amundsen win the race to the South Pole? (Activity: make a list of the equipment they would need to take with them and the kind of transport they would have used at the South Pole in 1911)

- Amundsen reached the South Pole first on 14th December 1911 after 56 days and returned with all his men.
- His team used dogs to pull their sledges.
- They had lots of equipment, food and suitable clothing.
- Scott reached the South Pole on 17th January 1912 after 72 days.
- But died along with all his men on the way back.
- Scott's men used motorised sledges, ponies, and dogs, but they didn't work well, and the men had to pull the sledges.
- Scott did not take enough food and drink.
- Scott chose to wear layers that quickly became wet with sweat, and then froze.



South Pole	<i>The southernmost point on Earth</i>
hero	<i>a person who is brave, good, and often looked up to by others</i>
expedition	<i>a group journey for a particular purpose</i>
race	<i>a competition between people or other thing to see who is the fastest in reaching a set place</i>
equipment	<i>items needed for a particular purpose</i>

Lesson 5: What did Sunita Williams do to make her a great explorer? (Activity: create biography of Sunita)

- Sunita Williams was born in Ohio, USA in 1965.
- She is an American astronaut and a US Navy officer.
- She went on her first expedition into space in 2006 on the shuttle Discovery.
- She has completed the most spacewalk time by a woman.
- She ran the first marathon while in space.



Recent	not long ago
Astronaut	a person who is trained to travel into outer space
Space	the area that contains the entire universe beyond the earth; outer space

Lesson 6: BIG FINISH: Who is the greatest explorer? (Design a memorial to their greatest explorer)

- People have different views about who the greatest explorer is.
- We create memorials to remember people and important events.

Who is the greatest explorer?

How do we remember great explorers in the past?

memorial	something that keeps a memory alive
achievement	something achieved through hard work, courage or skill
significant	something important

Unit Quiz