

Explorers Part 1: World Wanderers

Key vocabulary

Explorer Someone who travels to places about which very little is known, in order to discover what is there	Significant Someone or something important
Voyage A long journey or expedition	Habitat The natural home of something living (like an animal or plant)
Oceans The five very large areas of sea on the Earth's surface.	Continents The seven large area of land, such as Africa or Asia, that are made of several countries.
Humid When the weather conditions are both hot and wet at the same time	Temperate When the weather is cold in the winter and warm in the summer, but not extreme at any point (like in England)
Polar regions The very cold areas around the north and south poles	Tropical An area that experiences very hot and humid weather
Desert Large area that is very dry and not much grows there	Rainforests An area of tropical forest that gets a lot of rainfall

Some significant explorers from past to present

Christopher Columbus—
1451 to 1506.

Sailed across the Atlantic and for a long time people thought he discovered the Americas.



Matthew Henson — 1866 to 1955.

Went on many trips to the Arctic and was the co-discoverer of the North Pole.



Neil Armstrong — 1930 to 2012.

Was an astronaut who was the first person to walk on the moon.



Ann Bancroft— 1955 to present.

The first woman to successfully complete several expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic.



Key question

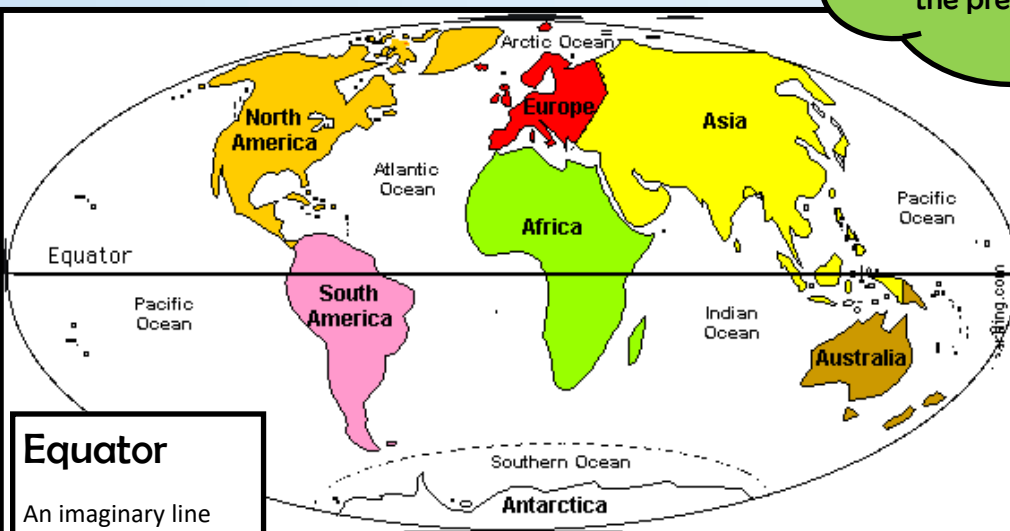
Why might being an explorer in the past have been quite different to being an explorer in the present day?

Did you know?

Some of the earliest known explorers were the Phoenicians in 1500 BC. That's over 3500 years ago!

Unlike the South Pole, there is no actual land at the North Pole, it's just ice!

We have maps nowadays because explorers travelled to unknown places to find out what was there, and recorded it!



Equator

An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth.