

# Milestones in Global Exploration

History Of Exploration · Answer Key · 20 Questions

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**1. Which explorer led the first expedition to successfully circumnavigate the globe?**

- A) Ferdinand Magellan**
- B) Christopher Columbus
- C) James Cook
- D) Marco Polo

**2. Who was the first person to reach the geographic South Pole in 1911?**

- A) Robert Scott
- B) Roald Amundsen**
- C) Ernest Shackleton
- D) Edmund Hillary

**3. Which explorer is credited with being the first European to reach North America in the 11th century?**

- A) Leif Erikson**
- B) John Cabot
- C) Amerigo Vespucci
- D) Jacques Cartier

**4. In 1953, who were the first two individuals confirmed to reach the summit of Mount Everest?**

- A) Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary**
- B) Reinhold Messner and Peter Habeler
- C) George Mallory and Andrew Irvine
- D) Scott Fischer and Rob Hall

**5. Which Italian explorer traveled along the Silk Road to China in the 13th century?**

- A) Vasco da Gama
- B) Marco Polo**
- C) Amerigo Vespucci
- D) Bartolomeu Dias

**6. What was the name of the ship used by Charles Darwin during his scientific exploration of the Galapagos Islands?**

- A) HMS Beagle**
- B) HMS Endeavour
- C) HMS Victory
- D) HMS Discovery

**7. Which explorer was the first to sail directly from Europe to India, opening a sea route for trade?**

**A) Vasco da Gama**

- B) Hernan Cortes
- C) Francis Drake
- D) Ponce de Leon

**8. In 1969, which mission successfully landed the first humans on the Moon?**

**A) Apollo 11**

- B) Apollo 13
- C) Gemini 8
- D) Mercury-Redstone 3

**9. Which explorer led the first expedition to cross the North American continent to the Pacific Ocean between 1804 and 1806?**

**A) Lewis and Clark**

- B) Zebulon Pike
- C) John Fremont
- D) Jedediah Smith

**10. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean?**

**A) Amelia Earhart**

- B) Bessie Coleman
- C) Harriet Quimby
- D) Jacqueline Cochran

**11. Which explorer was the first European to encounter the Pacific Ocean from the Americas in 1513?**

**A) Vasco Nunez de Balboa**

- B) Francisco Pizarro
- C) Pedro de Alvarado
- D) Hernando de Soto

**12. The Northwest Passage is a sea route that connects which two oceans?**

**A) Atlantic and Pacific**

- B) Indian and Atlantic
- C) Arctic and Indian
- D) Pacific and Southern

**13. Which famous explorer mapped much of the coastline of Australia and New Zealand in the 1770s?**

- A) James Cook**
- B) William Dampier
- C) Matthew Flinders
- D) George Vancouver

**14. Who is known for his extensive travels throughout the Islamic world in the 14th century, documented in the Rihla?**

- A) Ibn Battuta**
- B) Ibn Khaldun
- C) Al-Idrisi
- D) Al-Masudi

**15. Which Antarctic explorer's ship, the Endurance, became trapped and crushed by ice in 1915?**

- A) Ernest Shackleton**
- B) Douglas Mawson
- C) James Clark Ross
- D) Carsten Borchgrevink

**16. What is the name of the Portuguese explorer who was the first to sail around the Cape of Good Hope at the southern tip of Africa?**

- A) Bartolomeu Dias**
- B) Vasco da Gama
- C) Pedro Álvares Cabral
- D) Ferdinand Magellan

**17. Which explorer sought the Fountain of Youth in Florida in 1513?**

- A) Juan Ponce de León**
- B) Panfilo de Narvaez
- C) Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca
- D) Lucas Vazquez de Ayllon

**18. Who was the first person to travel into outer space in 1961?**

- A) Yuri Gagarin**
- B) Alan Shepard
- C) John Glenn
- D) Neil Armstrong

**19. Which explorer discovered the Hawaiian Islands for Europeans in 1778?**

**A) James Cook**

B) Louis de Bougainville

C) Jean-Francois de Galaup

D) George Vancouver

**20. The 'Age of Discovery' primarily refers to which centuries?**

**A) 15th to 17th**

B) 12th to 14th

C) 19th to 20th

D) 10th to 12th