

Milestones in Global Exploration

History Of Exploration · Practice Test · 20 Questions

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