

Journeys of Discovery: Exploring Our World

History & Geography · Answer Key · 10 Questions

1. Which explorer's expedition was the first to successfully circumnavigate the Earth, proving it was round?

- A) Vasco da Gama
- B) Christopher Columbus
- C) Ferdinand Magellan**
- D) James Cook

2. What is the name of the highest mountain in the world, a popular challenge for mountaineers?

- A) Mount Kilimanjaro
- B) Mount Everest**
- C) K2
- D) Mount Fuji

3. Which continent is almost entirely covered by a thick ice sheet and is home to scientific research stations?

- A) Africa
- B) Asia
- C) Antarctica**
- D) Australia

4. Who was the first European explorer credited with reaching the Americas in 1492?

- A) Marco Polo
- B) Leif Erikson
- C) Christopher Columbus**
- D) Amerigo Vespucci

5. Which famous scientist sailed on the HMS Beagle, making discoveries that led to his theory of evolution?

- A) Isaac Newton
- B) Charles Darwin**
- C) Albert Einstein
- D) Marie Curie

6. What two explorers led the first American expedition to cross the western part of the United States, reaching the Pacific Ocean?

A) Lewis and Clark

B) Ponce de León and Hernán Cortés

C) John Cabot and Henry Hudson

D) David Livingstone and Henry Stanley

7. What invention greatly aided early ocean explorers by allowing them to determine their latitude at sea?

A) Compass

B) Astrolabe

C) Telescope

D) Chronometer

8. Which Norwegian explorer was the first person to reach the South Pole in 1911?

A) Robert Falcon Scott

B) Ernest Shackleton

C) Roald Amundsen

D) Richard Byrd

9. Many early European explorers were searching for a new sea route to which continent for trade goods like spices?

A) Africa

B) North America

C) Asia

D) South America

10. What deep oceanic trench is the deepest known point on Earth, explored by manned submersibles?

A) Puerto Rico Trench

B) Java Trench

C) Mariana Trench

D) Kermadec Trench