

Journeys of Discovery: Exploring Our World

History & Geography · Practice Test · 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