

Adventure and Exploration Essentials

Geography And History · Answer Key · 18 Questions

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

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

2. What imaginary line divides the Earth into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres?

- A) Prime Meridian
- B) Tropic of Capricorn
- C) Equator**
- D) Tropic of Cancer

3. Which instrument was traditionally used by explorers to determine direction using the Earth's magnetic field?

- A) Sextant
- B) Compass**
- C) Astrolabe
- D) Barometer

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

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

5. Which explorer is famously credited with reaching the Americas in 1492 while searching for a sea route to Asia?

- A) Amerigo Vespucci
- B) John Cabot
- C) Christopher Columbus**
- D) Hernan Cortes

6. Mount Everest, the highest point on Earth, is located in which mountain range?

- A) The Andes
- B) The Alps
- C) The Rockies
- D) The Himalayas**

7. What is the name of the largest ocean on Earth, which was crossed by early explorers like Balboa?

- A) Atlantic Ocean
- B) Indian Ocean
- C) Pacific Ocean**
- D) Arctic Ocean

8. Which British explorer mapped much of the Australian coastline and the Pacific Islands in the 18th century?

- A) Matthew Flinders
- B) James Cook**
- C) William Dampier
- D) Francis Drake

9. What is the term for the height of a landform above sea level?

- A) Latitude
- B) Longitude
- C) Elevation**
- D) Scale

10. Which continent is known as the coldest, windiest, and driest place on Earth?

- A) Asia
- B) Antarctica**
- C) Africa
- D) South America

11. What do lines of longitude measure on a globe?

- A) Distance north or south of the Equator
- B) Distance east or west of the Prime Meridian**
- C) The depth of the ocean floor
- D) The height of mountains

12. Which explorer became the first European to sail around the southern tip of Africa in 1488?

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

13. The 'North Star' is also known by what scientific name?

- A) Sirius
- B) Polaris**
- C) Betelgeuse
- D) Vega

14. Which ancient civilization is famous for their seafaring exploration and navigation across the Mediterranean Sea?

- A) The Phoenicians**
- B) The Aztecs
- C) The Incas
- D) The Mongols

15. What type of map shows the physical features of an area, such as mountains, rivers, and plains?

- A) Political map
- B) Topographic map**
- C) Climate map
- D) Resource map

16. Which famous explorer duo was sent by Thomas Jefferson to explore the newly acquired Louisiana Territory?

- A) Drake and Cavendish
- B) Lewis and Clark**
- C) Hudson and Cabot
- D) Cook and Banks

17. What is the name of the imaginary line at 0 degrees longitude that passes through Greenwich, England?

- A) Equator
- B) International Date Line
- C) Prime Meridian**
- D) Tropic of Cancer

18. Which ocean lies between the continents of Africa and Australia?

- A) Atlantic Ocean
- B) Pacific Ocean
- C) Indian Ocean**
- D) Southern Ocean