# Historical Frontiers and Expeditions

Adventure & Exploration · Answer Key · 20 Questions

**1. Which explorer was the first to successfully lead an expedition to the South Magnetic Pole in 1909?**

**A) Douglas Mawson**
B) Ernest Shackleton
C) Robert Falcon Scott
D) Roald Amundsen

**2. In 1526, which Portuguese explorer became the first European to arrive in New Guinea?**

**A) Jorge de Menezes**
B) Luís Vaz de Camões
C) Diogo Dias
D) António de Abreu

**3. Which navigator was the first to cross the Antarctic Circle, doing so in January 1773?**

**A) James Cook**
B) Vitush Bering
C) Jean-François de Galaup
D) Matthew Flinders

**4. The 1845 Franklin Expedition was searching for which specific geographical feature?**

**A) The Northwest Passage**
B) The magnetic North Pole
C) The source of the Nile
D) A temperate southern continent

**5. Which explorer was the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest accompanied by Tenzing Norgay in 1953?**

**A) Edmund Hillary**
B) Reinhold Messner
C) George Mallory
D) Eric Shipton

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**6. The first successful circumnavigation of the Earth was completed by the remnants of the expedition led by which explorer?**

**A) Ferdinand Magellan**
B) Vasco da Gama
C) Francis Drake
D) Amerigo Vespucci

**7. Which explorer reached the North Pole in 1909, though his claim has been historically debated?**

**A) Robert Peary**
B) Frederick Cook
C) Roald Amundsen
D) Richard Byrd

**8. In 1877, who became the first person to cross the African continent from east to west?**

**A) Henry Morton Stanley**
B) David Livingstone
C) Richard Francis Burton
D) John Hanning Speke

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

**A) Vasco Núñez de Balboa**
B) Francisco Pizarro
C) Hernán Cortés
D) Juan Ponce de León

**10. Which expedition was the first to successfully cross the entire Antarctic continent overland in 1958?**

**A) Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition**
B) Nimrod Expedition
C) Heroic Age Expedition
D) Belgian Antarctic Expedition

**11. Who led the first expedition to reach the South Pole on December 14, 1911?**

**A) Roald Amundsen**
B) Robert Falcon Scott
C) Douglas Mawson
D) Ernest Shackleton

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**12. Which explorer identified the mouth of the Mississippi River in 1682, claiming the region for France?**

**A) René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle**
B) Jacques Marquette
C) Louis Jolliet
D) Samuel de Champlain

**13. In 1792, which explorer was the first European to enter the Puget Sound?**

**A) George Vancouver**
B) James Cook
C) William Bligh
D) John Meares

**14. Which explorer led the 'Search for the Nile' expedition that ended with the 1858 discovery of Lake Tanganyika?**

**A) Richard Francis Burton**
B) John Hanning Speke
C) James Grant
D) Samuel Baker

**15. Which naval officer was the first to sail through the Bering Strait between 1725 and 1730?**

**A) Vitus Bering**
B) Aleksei Chirikov
C) George Vancouver
D) James Cook

**16. The first solo circumnavigation of the globe was completed by whom between 1895 and 1898?**

**A) Joshua Slocum**
B) Francis Chichester
C) Robin Knox-Johnston
D) Bernard Moitessier

**17. Which explorer was the first to map the coastline of what is now Western Australia in 1616?**

**A) Dirk Hartog**
B) Willem Janszoon
C) Abel Tasman
D) Jan Carstenszoon

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**18. The 1925 expedition to find the 'Lost City of the Monkey God' was led by which British explorer who disappeared in the Amazon?**

**A) Percy Fawcett**
B) Arthur Conan Doyle
C) Theodore Roosevelt
D) Hiram Bingham

**19. In 1912, who led the Australasian Antarctic Expedition to survey the coastline of Adélie Land?**

**A) Douglas Mawson**
B) Ernest Shackleton
C) Robert Falcon Scott
D) Roald Amundsen

**20. Which explorer successfully located the source of the White Nile in 1862?**

**A) John Hanning Speke**
B) David Livingstone
C) Henry Morton Stanley
D) Samuel Baker

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