# Pioneers of the Unknown

History Of Exploration · Answer Key · 15 Questions

**1. Who was the first person to reach the geographic South Pole on December 14, 1911?**

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

**2. The first successful ascent of Mount Everest was completed in 1953 by Edmund Hillary and whom else?**

**A) Tenzing Norgay**
B) George Mallory
C) Andrew Irvine
D) Reinhold Messner

**3. What was the name of the first artificial satellite to successfully orbit the Earth, launched in 1957?**

A) Explorer 1
B) Vostok 1
**C) Sputnik 1**
D) Vanguard 1

**4. Which explorer led the first expedition to circumnavigate the globe, though he died in the Philippines before its completion?**

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

**5. In 1960, the bathyscaphe 'Trieste' became the first vessel to reach the bottom of the Mariana Trench. Who was one of the two men on board?**

A) Jacques Cousteau
**B) Don Walsh**
C) William Beebe
D) Sylvia Earle

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**6. Which invention, developed by John Harrison in the 18th century, solved the problem of determining longitude at sea?**

A) Sextant
**B) Marine Chronometer**
C) Astrolabe
D) Magnetic Compass

**7. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1932?**

A) Beryl Markham
B) Jacqueline Cochran
**C) Amelia Earhart**
D) Amy Johnson

**8. Which deep-sea submersible was the first to explore the wreck of the RMS Titanic in 1985?**

**A) Alvin**
B) Nautile
C) Mir 1
D) Deepsea Challenger

**9. In 1909, Robert Peary claimed to be the first person to reach which location?**

A) Magnetic North Pole
**B) Geographic North Pole**
C) South Magnetic Pole
D) The Everest Summit

**10. What was the first spacecraft to land on the surface of Mars and successfully transmit data back to Earth?**

**A) Viking 1**
B) Pathfinder
C) Mariner 4
D) Curiosity

**11. Which ancient Greek mathematician and geographer is credited with calculating the Earth's circumference with remarkable accuracy?**

A) Aristotle
B) Ptolemy
**C) Eratosthenes**
D) Strabo

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**12. The first person to reach the outer space, completing one orbit of the Earth in 1961, was:**

A) Alan Shepard
**B) Yuri Gagarin**
C) Gherman Titov
D) John Glenn

**13. In 1577, which English explorer began his circumnavigation of the globe, becoming the first captain to survive the entire journey?**

A) Walter Raleigh
B) John Hawkins
**C) Francis Drake**
D) Martin Frobisher

**14. What device, popularized by Portuguese explorers in the 15th century, used the stars to determine latitude?**

**A) Astrolabe**
B) Radar
C) Gyroscope
D) Barometer

**15. Who led the first successful expedition to cross the Antarctic continent via the South Pole in 1958?**

**A) Vivian Fuchs**
B) Edmund Hillary
C) Aleister Crowley
D) Douglas Mawson

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