

Famous Explorers - Quiz Questions and Answers

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1. Which French explorer of the 18th Century had an island, a strait and a climbing plant named after him?
2. Who organized and led the Kon-Tiki expedition in 1947?
3. Who first sailed round the tip of South America and had the straits named after him?
4. (a) When did Ronald Amundsen reach the South Pole?
(b) Who was the first man to reach the North Pole?
5. New Zealand's highest peak is named after an explorer. What is his name?
6. Who was the man who first explored the great river system of Australia and named the Darling River?
7. Which explorer made his most famous voyage in the "Santa Maria"?
8. Who Explored Africa from Lake Victoria down the River Congo to the sea?
9. (a) Who was Ibn Battuta?
(b) Who was Fahien?
10. Who led the first successful Trans-Antarctic expedition in 1958?
11. Name the first man on the Moon.
12. Who was the first man to fly Solo over the Atlantic?
13. Which Portuguese navigator rounded the Cape of Good Hope and discovered the sea route to India in 1498?
14. Which country did Alexander Mackenzie explore towards the end of the 18th Century?
15. What was the name of the explorer and soldier who captured Mexico for Spain?
16. Which Scots missionary explored Africa during the 19th Century?
17. By who was New Zealand discovered?
18. Which English explorer gave his name to a river, a strait, and a bay in North America?
19. (a) Who discovered Greenland?
(b) Who was the first explorer of the Sahara desert?
20. Which pirate was also an explorer?

Answers

1. Louis Bougainvillea
2. Thor Heyerdahl
3. Ferdinand Magellan
4. (a) In 1911
(b) Robert Peary
5. Captain James Cook
6. Captain Sturt
7. Christopher Columbus
8. H.M. Stanley
9. (a) A Moroccan scholar who between 1325 and 1354, traveled throughout the Moslem world and beyond its bounds
(b) A Buddhist pilgrim from China who came to India during the reign of Chandragupta Vikramaditya.
10. Vivian Fuchs
11. Neil Armstrong
12. Charles Lindberg

13. Vasco-da-Gama
14. Canada
15. Cortes
16. David Livingstone
17. Abel Tasman
18. Henry Hudson
19. (a) Eric the Red in 986
(b) Hugh Clapperton in 1822
20. William Dampier