



Knowledge Organiser for Years 1 and 2 Explorers

Prior Knowledge: Children who have studied the Space Race unit will know how humans like to explore and have begun to explore space.

Key Vocabulary

Famous	Someone who is known or recognised by	Evacuate	to leave a place of danger
Voyage	A long journey involving sea	Continent	A continent is a large solid area of land. Earth has seven continents .
Explorer	A person who explores new or unfamiliar	Antarctica	It is the driest and coldest continent on earth located at the South Pole and mainly covered in ice.
Native	Being from a particular place.	Sea ice	Large regions of sea mostly covered by ice

Christopher Columbus Key Facts



Christopher Columbus was born in Italy.



He began sailing when he was 13 years old on merchant ships.

As an adult Columbus planned a journey to travel across the Atlantic Ocean to find a faster route to the Indies to get spices.

1492—Columbus was given money from King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain for his voyage. He set sail from Spain with three ships:

*The Santa Maria

*The Nina

*The Pinta



12th October 1492—Columbus saw land. He thought he had found The Indies but it was actually The Bahamas.

Columbus landed in Cuba and claimed the land for Spain. He called it San Salvador. He traded with the natives but also captured many of them and took them back to Spain as slaves.

Columbus returned to The Bahamas where he claimed more land and became the governor of these islands. He was very cruel to the people who lived there and had people punished or killed who did not do as he said.

Ernest Shackleton Key Events



Ernest Shackleton born in Ireland.



He tried to be the first person to reach the South Pole with Captain Scott but they didn't get there.

1914 Shackleton set sail. He wanted to walk across the continent Antarctica. His crew was made up of 26 men and 69 dogs. His ship was called Endurance.

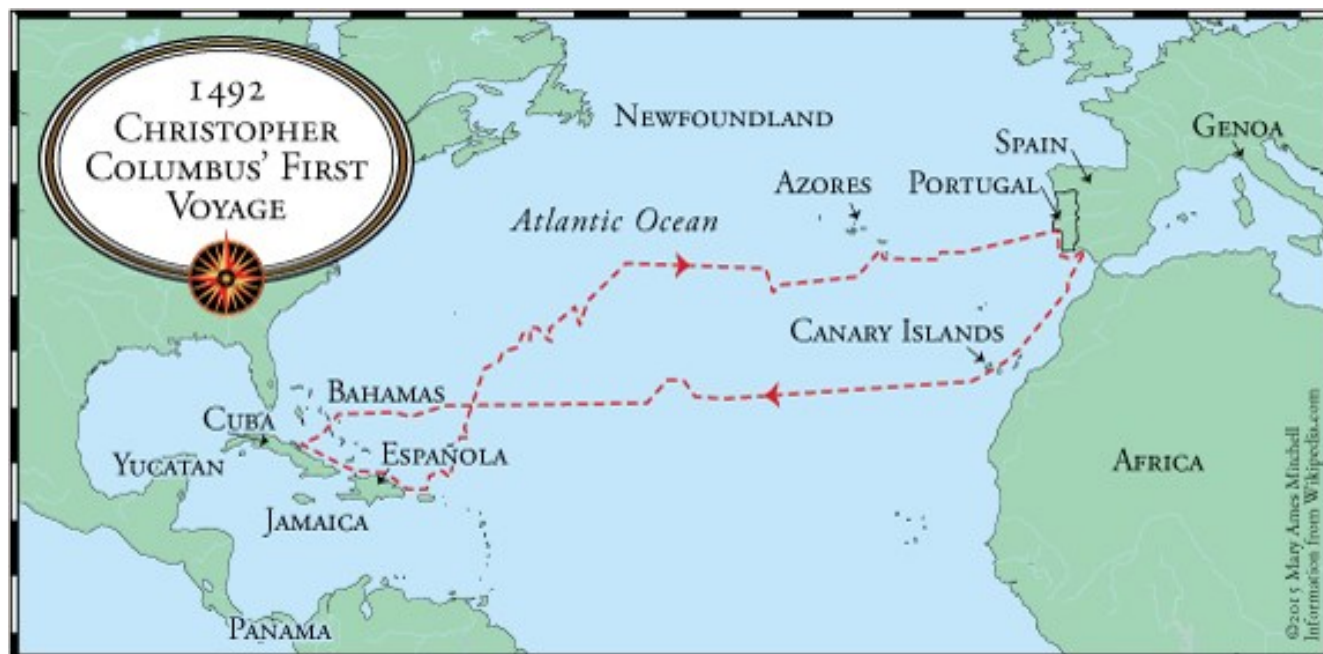
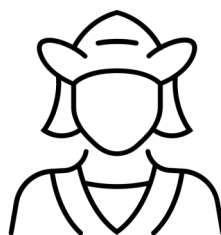


- The Endurance became stuck in the ice in the Weddell Sea.
- The men had to evacuate as the ship sank. They set up camp on the ice.
- The ice started to melt so the crew sailed in lifeboats to Elephant island and set up camp there.
- The lifeboat 'The James Caird' was launched. Shackleton with a handful of crew members sail to South Georgia to get help.

Shackleton reached South Georgia and trekked across the island to get help to rescue the men on Elephant Island.

August 1916 Rescue ships reached Elephant Island. Shackleton quickly evacuated all 22 men. Every crew member survived.

Christopher Columbus' Voyage



Ernest Shackleton's Voyage

