



BIOGRAPHY LIST EXPLORERS

Boyd, Louise Arner- Woman who extensively explored the arctic (1887-1970)

Byrd, Admiral- American explorer of the Antarctic (1888-1957)

Cabot, John – Italian explorer who made several voyages for England (d. 1498?)

Colter, John - Nineteenth-century woodsman who accompanied the Lewis and Clark Expedition and, later, leads explorations on his own. (ca. 1775-1813)

Cook, Captain James - British navigator and explorer whose three famous voyages resulted in the accurate mapping of much of the South Pacific. (1728-1779)

Coronado, Francisco Vasquez – Spanish explorer of the American Southwest (de, 1510-1554)

Cortes, Hernando – Spanish explorer whose brutal conquest of the Aztecs in Mexico was responsible for the first Spanish settlements in the New World (1519-1540)

Da Gama, Vasco -Fifteenth-century Portuguese explorer, who strengthened his nation's power by expanding trade routes to India (1469-1524)

David-Neel, Alexandra- A female scholar of Buddhism and Tibet in the early twentieth century who trekked thousands of miles to reach Lhasa, the Tibetan capital. (1868-1969)

De Soto, Hernando - Spanish explorer who led the first European expedition to reach the Mississippi River, explored in what is now Florida, and took part in the Spanish conquest of the Inca Empire. (1500-1542)

Fremont, John C. – American explorer, general, and presidential candidate (1813-1890)

Henson, Matthew-African American explorer, the co-discoverer of the North Pole (1866-1955)

Heyerdahl, Thor - Norwegian scientist and explorer whose voyages were undertaken to prove certain theories about the migration patterns of ancient people. (1914-2002)

La Salle, Robert: French man who explored the St. Lawrence, Ohio, Illinois, and Mississippi rivers, and who claimed America's heartland for King Louis XIV of France. (1643-1687)

Magellan, Ferdinand - Portuguese sea captain who commanded the first European expedition that sailed around the world (1480-1521)

Peary, Robert – American explorer of the North Pole with Matthew Henson (1856-1920)

Pike, Zebulon: Explorer of the US Northwest and West, including Mexico for General James Wilkinson and soldier in the War of 1812. (1779-1813)

Pizarro, Francisco: Spanish explorer and conquistador of the Incas in modern day Peru (1475-1541)

Polo, Marco – Italian explorer who traveled to Asia during Medieval times (1254-1323?)

Ponce de Leon, Juan – Spanish Explorer of Florida and Puerto Rico (1460?-1521)

Powell, John Wesley – American explorer of the Colorado River (1834-1902)

Shackleton, Ernest Henry - South Pole explorer whose ship, the Endurance, was frozen in ice and crushed, leaving the captain and crew to fight for survival. (1874-1922)

Slocum, Joshua – American who was the first man to sail single-handedly around the world (1844-1909)

Thompson, John - Skied across the Sierra Nevada Mountains and created a path upon which mail and people may travel, thus earning his nickname "Snowshoe Thompson." (1827-1876)

Vespucci, Amerigo - Florentine explorer who discovered Brazil Venezuela and the Amazon River. He had two continents named for him. (1451-1512)

Williams, Roger -With the help of the Narragansett Indians, founds Providence, RI. (1604-1683)

Blumberg, Rhoda –African American slave who journeyed west with the Lewis and Clark Expedition and William Clark. (1775?-1815)