

Year 2/3 History Knowledge Organiser: Explorers

Key Vocabulary	
Famous	Someone who is known by many people.
Voyage	A long journey involving travel by sea
Explorer	A person who explores a new or unfamiliar area
South Pole	Southernmost point of the Earth's surface, lying in Antarctica.
Aviator	A pilot.



Christopher Columbus

Born: 1451 in Genoa, Italy
 Died: 1506
 1492 Columbus gets money from the King and Queen of Spain to journey to the New World. He departed from Spain in 3 ships: Santa Maria, The Nina and The Pinta.
 12 Oct 1492 he sights the new world near to what we now know as the Bahamas.
 29 Oct 1492 he arrives in Cuba. 1493 he sails back to Spain.

Gertrude Bell



Born: 14 July 1868 in Washington, County Durham
 Died: 12 July 1926 in Iraq
 She was an archaeologist who travelled in Europe and did 2 round the world trips. In 1921 she drew the boundaries of the country that became Iraq.

Roald Amundsen

Born: 16th July 1872 in Oslo, Norway.
 Died: 18th June



A Norwegian explorer who led the first expedition to reach the South Pole on 11th Dec 1911. He was also the first to cross the Arctic by air.

Captain Robert Scott

Born: 6th June 1868
 Died: 29th March 1912



Royal Navy Officer and explorer. Led 2 expeditions to the South Pole. One from 1901 to 1904 and one 1910-1913. He reached the South Pole on 17th January 1912 to find he had been beaten to it by Roald Amundsen.

Amelia Earhart

Born: July 1897 in Kansas USA
 Died: July 1937



In 1932 she became the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean (and only the second person to do so).

Set many flying records such as the first female to fly solo across the USA in 1932 and the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to the US mainland in 1935.

On a flight to circumnavigate the globe her plane disappeared in July 1937 over the Pacific Ocean. The plane wreckage was never found.

Neil Armstrong

Born: 1930 in Ohio, USA
 Died: 2012



In 1967 US scientists began making plans for a moon landing and designed a new spacecraft called Apollo. Apollo 11 launched in 1969 from Florida, USA. It was the first spacecraft to land on the moon. On 21st July 1969 Neil Armstrong was the first person to walk on the moon.

Valentina Tereshkova

Born: March 1937
 Russian. First and youngest woman to have flown in space with a solo mission on the Vostok rocket June 1963.