

EPIC EXPLORERS



Key Questions

Who was Ibn Battuta?	Ibn Battuta was born in 1304. He was a great explorer who spent nearly 30 years travelling. It is thought he travelled over 78,000 miles visiting the the same as 44 modern countries. In 1354, he told a writer what happened on his journeys and these stories were written up in the Rihla .
Was Matthew Henson the first human to set foot on the North Pole?	It is not certain whether Matthew Henson and the other explorers with him were the first to reach the North Pole in April 1909. Even so, Matthew Henson should be remembered as a skilled polar explorer . For years, he did not receive the same recognition as his White co- explorer due to racism.
Who helped Neil Armstrong to be the first person to walk on the Moon?	When Neil Armstrong took those first steps on the Moon in July 1969, he was joined by Buzz Aldrin. Another astronaut, Michael Collins, stayed in the main spacecraft during the Moon landing. The astronauts were helped by many other people down on Earth.
Why is Felicity Aston in the Guinness World Records?	Felicity Aston's polar exploration is part of recent history. In 2012, Felicity became the first person to ever travel alone across Antarctica, just using her own power and walking with skis.
Why are some people in history considered to be significant ?	There are lots of reasons why someone might be considered to be important in history. It might be that their actions changed things for people or that they achieved something great.
How are significant explorers remembered?	Significant people, including explorers , are remembered in lots of different ways. Some explorers have places named after them. Some have their pictures on stamps or there might be statues to commemorate them.