

1. **Alexander the Great**
Macedonia
356-323BC
2. **Hannibal**
Crossed The Alps
247-c181BC
3. **Leif Erikson**
Norway (born in Iceland) – Considered first European to set foot on N. America five centuries before Columbus
c970-c1100
4. **Marco Polo**
Italian (Venice) – Journeyed from Europe to Asia and reached China
1254-1324
5. **John Cabot** (born Giovanni Caboto)
Italy – Settled in England, travelled to and claimed Canada (thinking it was Asia) for England
c1450-c1499
6. **Bartolomeu Dias**
Portuguese – Sailed round Africa to find a way to the Indian Ocean. Discovered the Cape of Good Hope
c1450-1500
7. **Amerigo Vespucci**
Italian - Confirmed that Columbus had discovered a new continent – gave name to 'America'
1451-1512
8. **Walter Raleigh**
English – explored coast of N. America
c1552-1618
9. **John Franklin**
British Arctic explorer who tried to find the North West Passage
1786-1847
10. **Vasco da Gama**
Portuguese – First man to sail round Africa to India
c1460-1524
11. **Franciso Pizarro**
Spanish
c1476-1541
12. **Ferdinand Magellan**
Portuguese – first voyage around the world
1480-1521
13. **Hernan Cortes**
Spanish – explored South America
1485-1547
14. **Sir Francis Drake**
English – Explored East coast of the Americas
1542-1596
15. **Henry Hudson**
English – Explored East Coast of N. America
c1565-c1611
16. **James Cook**
English – Explored Australian Coast
1728-1779

17. [David Livingstone](#)
Scottish – Explored interior of Africa
1813-1873
18. [Roald Amundsen](#)
Norwegian – Antarctic explorer
1872-1928
19. [Ernest Shackleton](#)
British – Antarctic Explorer
1874-1922
20. [Edmund Hillary & Tenzing Norgay](#)
New Zealand / Nepal – Mount Everest
1919 & 1914-1986
21. [Alan Shepard](#)
USA – Astronaut, first American in space
1923-98
22. [John Glenn](#)
USA – Astronaut, first to orbit the earth
1921
23. [Yuri Gagarin](#)
Russian cosonaut – First man in space
1934-1968
24. [Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin \(& Michael Collins\)](#) [Moon Landing 1969](#)
USA – First astronauts who landed on the moon (stayed in orbit)
1969
25. [Christopher Columbus](#)
Italian – Rediscovered The Americas opening them up for European colonisation
1451-1506
26. [Mungo Park](#)
Scottish – Explored the African continent
1771-1806
27. [Fanny Bullock Workman](#)
USA – First female professional climber - Himalayas
1859-1925
28. [Chen Ho](#) (Zheng Ho)
Chinese – Explored Indian Ocean
1371-1435
29. [Sir Ranulph Fiennes](#)
English – First person to get to North and South poles by surface and cross Antarctica by foot
1944-
30. [John Rae](#)
Scottish (Orkadian) – Explored Northern Canada; Discovered fate of the Franklin Expedition; Found the North West Passage which Franklin failed to do
1813-1893
31. [Alexandrine Tinné](#)
Dutch – Female explorer in Africa and first woman to attempt to cross the Sahara
1835-1869
32. [Freya Stark](#)
British – Female explorer in the Middle East and travel writer
1893-1993
33. [Mary Kingsley](#)
British – Female explorer and scientific writer; travelled through West Africa
1862-1900
34. [Amy Johnson](#)
English – Female aviator (pilot) and first to fly solo from England to Australia in 1930
1903-1941