

Timeline	
1492 AD	Cristopher Columbus sailed from Europe to America.
1930 AD	Amy Johnson flew solo from England to Australia.
1969 AD	Neil Armstrong landed on the moon.
1979-82 AD	Ranulph Fiennes crossed the Antarctic and Arctic Oceans.

Key Facts
Great explorers are a significant part of History. Some are from long ago and some more recently.
Great explorers exhibited many personal qualities in order to achieve what they did during the times at which they were alive.

Vocabulary 10	
Astronaut	Someone who travels in a spacecraft.
Aviator	A pilot.
Compass	An instrument with a needle that shows direction.
Courageous	Ready to face danger.
Determination	A strong intention to achieve something.
Equality	Being equal.
Expedition	A journey made to do something.
Explorer	An explorer is a person who explores a new or unfamiliar area.
Pioneer	One of the first people to go to a place or do something new.
Timeline	A line that shows the different stages of history.
Voyage	A long journey.

Why did Christopher Columbus sail across an unknown ocean?

Why is Ranulph Fiennes in the Guinness World Records?

**Christopher Columbus**  
Born: 1451  
Died: 1506



Columbus was an explorer. In 1492, he sailed from Europe to America. He and his sailors crossed the Atlantic Ocean, not knowing where they would land.

**Neil Armstrong**  
Born: 1930  
Died: 2012



Neil Armstrong was an American astronaut and the first man on the moon.

**Ranulph Fiennes**  
Born: 1944



Ranulph Fiennes is a British explorer and holds several endurance records. He is also a writer and poet.

How do Amy Johnson's achievements compare with those of Ranulph?

**Amy Johnson**  
Born: 1903  
Died: 1941



Amy Johnson was the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia in 1930 and set other records throughout her career.

Why was Neil Armstrong's small step also 'a great leap' forward?

**Home Historian:**  
Can you find out anything about these British explorers?  
Mary Kingsley, Robert Scott, Sir Walter Raleigh, David Livingstone, Henry Hudson, Sir Francis Drake, Alexander Mackenzie or Captain James Cook.

