

Land Ahoy! Knowledge Organiser

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Explorer	A person who travels to places where no one has been before to see what is there.
Navigator	A person who uses maps or special instruments to plan and direct the route of a ship, aircraft or other form of transport.
Century	A period of 100 years.
Decade	A period of 10 years
Timeline	A list of events in the time they happened.

Other Key Vocabulary

Cargo	The goods that are carried by large types of transport, such as ships and aircraft.
Coast	The place where the land meets the sea or ocean.
Ocean	A large sea. The five oceans are the Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific and Southern Oceans.
Compass	A <i>compass</i> is a tool for finding direction. A simple <i>compass</i> is a magnetic needle mounted on a pivot, or short pin. The needle, which can spin freely, always points north.

Sticky knowledge

The Golden age of Piracy lasted between 1650 and 1730. Pirates were sailors who stole precious cargo from other ships.

Captain James Cook was a famous English sea captain, navigator and explorer. He was born in 1728 and died in 1779. He joined the Royal Navy in 1755 and learned navigation and map drawing.

The United Kingdom is an island and is surrounded by bodies of water. These are the Atlantic Ocean, English Channel, Irish Sea and North Sea.

There have been many famous sea explorers. These explorers helped us to learn about the world. For example, Christopher Columbus. He sailed west from Europe to the Americas in 1492.



Timeline of sea exploration

Marco Polo (1254-1324)

Marco was one of the first people to travel from Europe to China in 1271.

Christopher Columbus (1451-1506)

Christopher sailed west from Europe to the Americas in 1492.

Sir Walter Raleigh (1552-1618)

Walter sailed to America and tried to set up a colony there in 1578.

Captain James Cook (1728-1779)

James went on many voyages before he was killed in Hawaii in 1776.

Dame Ellen MacArthur (1976-present)

Ellen set a new world record in 2005 by solo sailing around the world in 71 days.

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