



New Adventures - Explorers

This unit will teach Year 1 about the experiences of Ibn Battuta, Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong and Robert Falcon Scott. It asks the children to discuss the criteria for what makes a person significant and also consolidates their understanding of chronology by comparing the historical periods in which these great explorers lived. They will also have the opportunity to explore the life and work of 19th century painter LS Lowry.

Vocabulary

explorer - someone who travels into little known regions (especially for scientific purposes).

A **significant person** is someone who has:

- **Changed events** at the time they lived.
- **Improved** lots of people's lives or made them worse.
- **Changed** people's ideas.
- **Had a long lasting impact** on their country or the world.
- **Had been a really good or very bad example** to other people on how to live or behave.

Timeline

The Tudors
(1485 – 1603)

The Victorians
(1837 – 1901)

1300



Ibn Battuta was born in 1304 and died in 1369.

1500



William Shakespeare was born in 1564 and died in 1616.

1700

1900



Neil Armstrong was born in 1930 and died in 2012.

2000



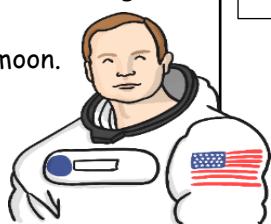
Usain Bolt was born in 1986.



Key Figures

LS Lowry, who was born in 1887, is one of the most famous artists from the mid-20th century. Lowry is well known for painting industrial scenes and matchstick characters.

Neil Armstrong was born in America in 1930. He was an American astronaut and the first man to walk on the Moon. The moon landing was shown across the world on television. He said the famous words "One small step for man... one giant leap for mankind" as he walked on the moon.



Ibn Battuta (1304 - 68) was a great explorer who was born in Tangier, Morocco. He spent nearly 30 years travelling! It is estimated that he travelled over 73,000 miles visiting the equivalent of 44 modern countries in his lifetime. Travelling this much was very unusual at the time he lived and on his journeys he met people from very different cultures.

Captain Robert Falcon Scott was born in Devon in 1868 and became an officer in the Royal Navy. He led two expeditions to Antarctica to find out more about the animals, the weather and the land of Antarctica. Scott and his fellow explorers also wanted to be the first to reach the South Pole.



Christopher Columbus was born in 1451 in Italy. He lived at a time when people in Europe did not know that the continents of North or South America existed! He had a dream to travel west and go to China but ended up in Cuba and discovered new lands. They called it The New World. Native Americans lived on the islands, but Christopher Columbus called them Indians because he thought he had landed in the 'Indies'. Before Christopher Columbus had been to America, no one in Europe had ever tried a tomato or potato before.