




Significant Explorers



Timeline – Christopher Columbus

1451 Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Northern Italy.	1492 Columbus wanted to find a faster route to Asia. The king and queen of Spain gave Columbus money to buy boats for his trip.	3rd August 1492 Columbus left Spain and sailed across the Atlantic Ocean. Three ships began the journey they were called Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. 	12th October 1492 Columbus and his crew landed on a small island in the Bahamas. He looked for gold, silver, spices and other expensive objects that he had promised the Spanish king and queen.	1492 Columbus arrived back in Spain. He brought back foods, such as potatoes and tomatoes.	1493 Columbus set sail again. This time he went with 17 ships and 1200 men. He explored more islands in the Caribbean.	May 1498 Columbus set sail with six ships. He went to Trinidad and then South America.	1502 Columbus set off for his final trip from Europe. He travelled to Central America. He was looking for a route to the Indian Ocean.	20th May 1506 Columbus died in Valladolid, Spain.
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Neil Alden Armstrong was an American astronaut and aeronautical engineer and the first person to walk on the Moon. He was also a naval aviator, test pilot, and university professor.


Key Vocabulary

achievement	An achievement is something challenging that a person does well.
astronaut	A person who is trained to travel in space.
equipment	Objects that are needed for an activity, such as exploring.
expedition	A journey taken for a reason, such as exploring somewhere or something.
explorer	Someone who goes on a journey to find out about somewhere or something new.
polar	Polar describes anything about (or near) the North Pole or South Pole.
significant	Important and worth knowing about.

Christopher Columbus was an Italian navigator who completed four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean. While searching for a route to the Far East, he discovered a sailing route to America.



Timeline – Neil Armstrong

1930 Neil Armstrong was born in Ohio, USA.	1955 He became a test pilot at a High-Speed Flight station.	1962 He began training to be an astronaut.	1966 He first went to space as a commander of the Gemini 8 mission.	20th July 1969 Armstrong became the first person to land on the moon as part of the Apollo 11 mission with Buzz Aldrin. 	1971 He taught at the University of Cincinnati.	1985 Armstrong took part in an expedition to the North Pole.	2012 He died in Ohio, USA.
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