

# FAMOUS EXPLORERS TRIVIA QUIZ



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1> What was the name of Christopher Columbus' ship?

- a. Santa Maria
- b. Santa Teresa
- c. Santa Clara
- d. Pinta

2> After successfully traveling through the Northwest Passage, Roald Amundsen sent a telegraph message from Alaska of his achievement. Where did he send his telegraph from to inform the world of reaching the South Pole?

- a. Chile
- b. Australia
- c. Peru
- d. Alaska

3> Ibn Battuta is one of the most famous travellers of the middle ages. His journeys are published in the book "Rihla". What does the word "Rihla" mean?

- a. Book
- b. Journal
- c. Journey
- d. Road

4> Who was the first woman in outer space?

- a. Mae Jemison
- b. Gertrude Bell
- c. Valentina Tereshkova
- d. Osa Johnson

5> Etienne Brule is a famous French/Quebecois explorer. He was the first white person to journey beyond the St. Lawrence River. He also lived with the indigenous people of Canada. Which indigenous people did he spend the most time with?

- a. Iroquois
- b. Abenaki
- c. The Huron's
- d. Mississauga

6> Which famous privateer was nicknamed "The Dragon"?

- a. James Cook
- b. Ferdinand Magellan
- c. Francis Drake
- d. Pedro de Alvarado

7> Which explorer built a fort in what is now known as Quebec City?

- a. Jacques Cartier
- b. Jean Chardin
- c. Samuel de Champlain
- d. Francis Garnier

8> Which European discovered Australia?

- a. Luis Vaez de Torres
- b. Dirk Hartog
- c. Willem Janszoon
- d. Frederick de Houtman

9> Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean solo. She was also a founder of an organization of female pilots. What was the organization?

- a. The Wings
- b. The Flying Femmes
- c. The Ninety-Nines
- d. The Glorious Peacocks

10> Neil Young wrote a song about a well-known Spanish explorer. The song was

banned in Spain under Francisco Franco. Who is the subject of the song's title?

- a. Alvaro de Mendana
- b. Hernan Cortez
- c. Francisco Pizarro
- d. Christopher Columbus

11> What was the nationality of Jacques Piccard?

- a. Belgian
- b. French
- c. Swiss
- d. Canadian

12> Which famous Spanish explorer conquered Peru in the XVI century?

- a. Francisco Pizarro
- b. Hernan Cortez
- c. Amerigo Vespucci
- d. Gaspar de Portola

13> What did Mae Jemison do?

- a. First black woman in space
- b. First woman to reach the North Pole
- c. First American woman in space
- d. First woman to sail around the world solo

14> Who led the Russian conquest of Siberia?

- a. Yuri Gagarin
- b. Piotr Kozlov
- c. Yermak Timofeyevich
- d. Nicholas Miklouho-Maclay

15> One of the Dutch explorers was the first European to reach Van Diemen's Land. What is the current name of this island?

- a. Australia
- b. New Zealand
- c. Tasmania

d. Java

**Answers:**

- 1> Santa Maria - The art installation "Discovering Columbus" in New York attracts many tourists.
- 2> Australia - The message was sent about 4 months after the event.
- 3> Journey - Ibn Battuta travelled four times the distance Marco Polo did.
- 4> Valentina Tereshkova - Valentina was selected out of 400 applicants.
- 5> The Huron's - Although he was a friend of Samuel Champlain, he betrayed him and was subsequently killed for his treason.
- 6> Francis Drake - Drake had a bounty of 20 thousand ducats on his head.
- 7> Jacques Cartier - The previous settlement in the area was the village of Stadacona.
- 8> Willem Janszoon - Janszoon was one of the captains of the great Dutch fleet.
- 9> The Ninety-Nines - The name of the group came from the number of women present at the first meeting.
- 10> Hernan Cortez - The song is titled Cortez the Killer.
- 11> Swiss - The Piccard family held the record for both the highest flight and the deepest dive.
- 12> Francisco Pizarro - Pizarro's palace of the conquest can be seen in the city of Trujillo, Spain.
- 13> First black woman in space - Mae also appeared in Star Trek.
- 14> Yermak Timofeyevich - Yermak served under the rule of Ivan the Terrible.
- 15> Tasmania - We are talking about Abel Janszoon Tasman.