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Henry Hudson

I chose Henry Hudson, he was born in 1565 in England and he died after June 22, 1611 somewhere near the Hudson Bay. He was an English navigator who sailed 3 times for English and 1 time for the Dutch. He tried to find a quick route from Europe to Asia through the Arctic Ocean. He is best known for his discovery of 2 bodies of water that were named after him the Hudson River and Hudson’s bay.

Here are some of Henry Hudson’s accomplishments. He helped with the first European exploration in the Arctic Ocean and Northeastern North America. And he discovered two bodies of water. Also he sailed in their Arctic circle and found whaling grounds for the english. And he had a River, Strait, and Bay named after him.

Henry Hudson’s family contained his Father Henry Hudson the II, his mother Barbara Alderman, his wife Katherine Hudson, his kids Oliver Hudson, John Hudson, and Richard Hudson. John joined Henry on all 4 expeditions. And his father traded with Russia and owned many whaling ships. Also Katherine Hudson was left very poor after Henry Hudson and their son John didn’t return from the last voyage.

Not a lot is known about Henry Hudson’s early life because most of it was private. But most historians think he was born in 1565 in England. But they also think he got a good education because he could read, write and do math. Also, he probably worked on ships as a cabin boy when he was a kid. Then, When he got older he married a person named Katherine.

Henry Hudson had a total of 4 voyages 3 of them were for the English and 1 was for the Dutch. His first 2 were for the English which he tried to go to the North East to get to Asia. But these voyages did not work because he had to turn around because of ice. His 3rd voyage he found the Hudson River during it. And in his last one, his fourth and final one he discovered the Hudson Bay and strait. But his crew was angry because they didn’t have a bunch of supplies and it was cold so he was abandoned and probably died.

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