Sir Ernest  Shackleton was a key figure in the Heroic Age of **Antarctic** Exploration.

When he was **16**-years-old, he joined the merchant navy and became a sailor.

**Endurance** was the three-masted ship in which Sir Ernest Shackleton sailed for the Antarctic in 1914.

Disaster struck when his ship was crushed by **ice**.

Shackleton and his men were on the ice for almost two **years**, but no one died.

When the ice began thawing in the spring, Shackleton and his men boarded small boats and went to Elephant Island.

No one was at the island, so Shackleton and five men took a life boat to South Georgia.

There, they organized a rescue party to get the other men.

Elephant Island is an ice-covered mountainous island off the coast of Antarctica

Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition. She was launched in 1912 from Sandefjord in Norway and was crushed by ice, causing her to sink, three years later in the Weddell Sea off Antarctica.