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Fantastic Voyages

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER-IN-RESIDENCE ENRIC SALA

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Early Europeans Who Explored the Americas

Early explorers were motivated by many desires and the lure of adventure. Those listed below sailed to what became known as the Americas. Once most of these individuals secured patronage, they set sail seeking influence and power for European countries, wealth, new routes, opportunity for trade, scientific discoveries, the spread of the Christian religion, and personal acclaim.

1000	Leif Ericson	1598	Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca
1492	Christopher Columbus	1531	Francisco Pizarro
1493	Diego Velázquez de Cuéllar	1534	Jacques Cartier
1497	John Cabot (Giovanni Caboto)	1539	Hernando De Soto
1498	Amerigo Vespucci	1540	Francisco Vasquez de Coronado
	Vasco de Gama	1541	Francisco de Orellana
1513	Vasco Núñes de Balboa	1559	Tristan De Luna
	Juan Ponce de León	1565	Pedro Menéndez de Avilés
1519	Ferdinand Magellan	1577	Sir Frances Drake
	Hernando Cortez (Hernán Cortés, marquis del Valle de Oaxaca)	1585	Sir Walter Raleigh
	Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo	1603	Samuel de Champlain
1524	Giovanni da Verrazano	1607	Henry Hudson
1525	Sebastian Cabot (Sebastiano Caboto)	1611	Adriaen (Aerjan) Block
1527	Cabeza de Vaca		
	Stephen the Moor (Estevanico)		

Read about each of the individuals who explored the Americas. Discover the following:

- What is known about the life of the explorer?
- Who sponsored the exploration and under which country's flag did the ships sail?
- What historic events motivated the sponsorship?
- What was the purpose of the initial voyage?
- What was actually discovered or found?
- In what ways did the expedition fulfill its goal?
- Do you consider the individual to be an explorer, adventurer, or conquistador?
- What was the impact of the voyage on the land and people discovered?
- What was the impact on the sponsoring country?

Above, from left: Christopher Columbus, Amerigo Vespucci, Vasco de Gama, Sebastian Cabot, Ferdinand Magellan, Sir Walter Raleigh, Henry Hudson

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Expedition: Discover the Roots of Explore and Adventure

Oceanographers exploring some of the most remote deep-sea hot springs ever found have discovered what they say is a “riot of life” in a distinct biological zone that no one knew existed. They said the exploration, which occurred more than a mile down in the ocean just north of Antarctica, uncovered the most strikingly unique assemblage of life-forms found in decades, including thousands upon thousands of a species of crab never seen before, as well as new barnacle, anemone, snail and starfish species.

— “Far below, new species emerge”

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Who are these explorers? They are not adventurers seeking danger and risk. Although full of surprises and the unexpected, their deep-sea exploration is not a game of chance. The geologists, deep-sea biologists and geo-chemists bring their expertise and knowledge into the preparation, observation and detection.

They are involved in an expedition. In the early 15th century, an expedition was a military campaign, based on the Middle French word *expédition*. Those who were on an expedition were on a journey with a purpose.

The adventurer is drawn to activities that have an edge of peril. The Old French root from the 11th century *aventure* conveyed the ideas of an accident, chance and event. The Latin root *adventura* (*res*) means “(a thing) about to happen,” which comes from *adventurus*, the future participle of *advenire*. The early word meant “reach” or “to arrive at,” from *ad-* “to” + *venire* “to come.” The doing is all important to the adventurer.

The explorer, first used in the 1580s, is there “to investigate or examine.” This term is derived from the Latin word *explorare*, meaning to “investigate, search out, examine and explore.” Can’t you hear a hunter’s loud cry (from *plorare*) when he had achieved his goal? Another etymological image of the explorer might be found in *pluere*, meaning “to flow.” Explorers in the 1600s literally flowed over land and sea to go to a country or place in quest of discoveries.

What a great word to describe what our early and modern explorers do — discover. The Latin prefix *dis-* means “opposite of.” Add it to the root *cooperire*, meaning “to cover up.” So explorers are doing the opposite of hiding — they are revealing what was hidden or unknown. They are obtaining knowledge and insight.

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Nautical Terms

Albin Vegi boat
Ballast
Canvas dodger
Circumnavigate
Drop anchor
Knot
Rogue waves
Typhoons

Geography

Annapolis
Argentina
Baffin Bay
Brazil
Bering Sea
Cape Horn
Chesapeake Bay
Clipper route
Graveyard of the North Atlantic
Greenland
Milky Way
Newfoundland
Northwest Passage

Technology of the Modern Explorer

Blog
Camera
Desalinator
E-mail
Flash drive
Freeze-dried food
GPS
Inverter
Kindle reader
Radar
Satellite phone
Solar panel

Fantastic Voyage

"This is such a mammoth undertaking, and to do it without stopping – alone – is mind boggling. It's almost teetering on the edge of blood-insanity, frankly." AE

Herb McCormick, veteran sailor on Matt Rutherford's journey around the Americas.



Name _____ Date _____

We Explore

Name explorers who challenged themselves. They overcame physical boundaries, thought of new methods and discovered new species. They explored oceans, seas and outer space.

Who Explores

What We Explore

Where We Explore

When We Explore

How We Explore

Why We Explore

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Explore Careers

Bachelor and post-graduate degree majors from an almost infinite diversity of disciplines ranging from the life, physical, and social sciences to communications, business and art will find opportunities involved in and contributing to science-focused expeditions. These individuals work with scientists to accomplish project goals and document findings.

Select an area of interest below. Visit modern explorations through Polar Trec: Teachers and Researchers Exploring and Collaborating (PolarTREC.com) or Ocean Explorer (<http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/explorations/welcome.html>) to discover how you can gain valuable work experience while still enrolled in school. The federal government has a site where you can explore opportunities for internships from the high school level through graduate school and beyond. Select USAJOBS: Working for America (<http://www.usajobs.gov/>). Choose “Students and Recent Graduates.” It will take you to a page called Pathways. There you can scroll down to find a paid Internship Program for students as well as Volunteer Service opportunities through which you can gain valuable experience as well as demonstrate your reliability, ability to work with a team, and passion.

Accounting	Ecology	Marine Biology
Animal Sciences	Economics	Marine Sciences
Anthropology	Engineering	Marine Technology
Archaeology	Earth Sciences	Mathematics
Art	Entomology	Medicine
Architecture	Environmental Biology	Meteorology
Automotive Technology	Environmental Sciences	Microbiology
Biochemistry	Environmental Studies	Oceanography
Biology/Bio Sciences	Finance	Photography/videography/film
Botany/Plant Sciences	Fish & Game Management	Physics
Business/Marketing	Fish & Wildlife Management	Public Administration
Chemistry	Fishery Biology	Public Affairs/Policy
Civil Engineering	Geochemistry	Social Sciences
Communications	Geography	Wildlife Biology
Computer Engineering	Geology	Wildlife Management
Computer Information Systems	Glaciology	Zoology
Computer Science	History	
Conservation	Information Resource Management	
Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement	Journalism	
Deep-sea biology		

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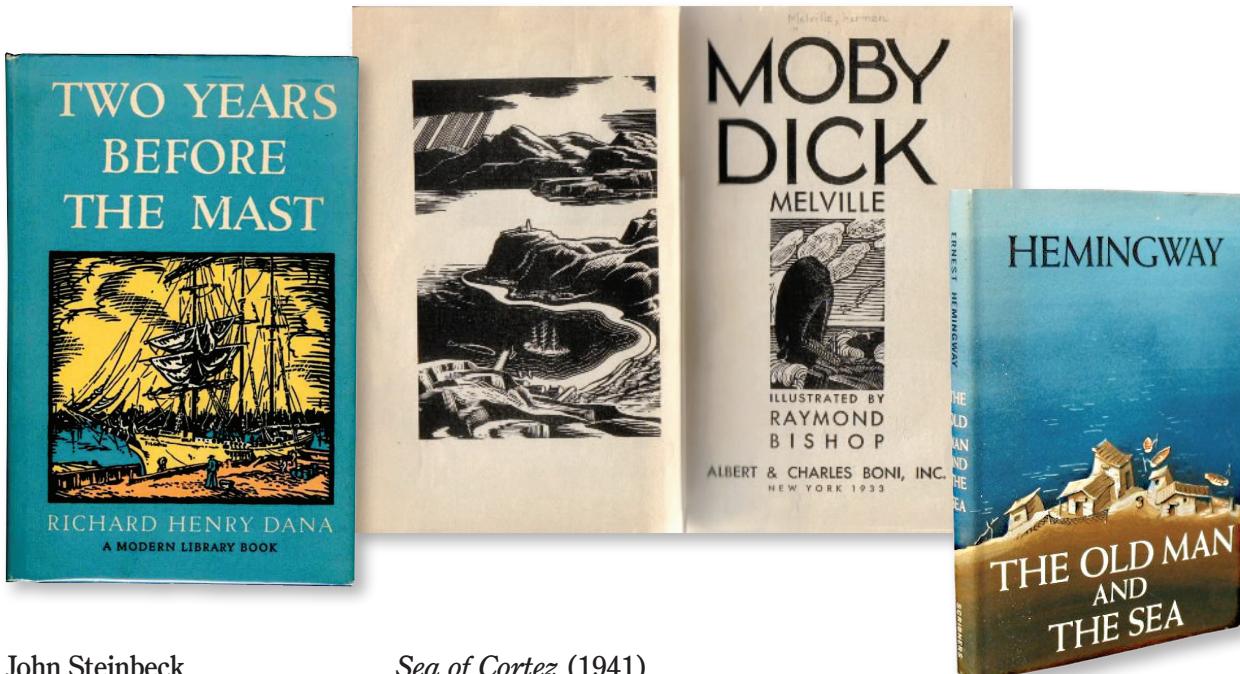
American Sea Writing

The listed works are just a sampling of the literature written about the sea. Many earlier works and authors from previous seafaring countries could be added to one's reading experience. These American authors represent different time periods, genre, attitudes and emotions.

Owen Chase	<i>Narrative of the Most Extraordinary and Distressing Shipwreck of the Whale-Ship Essex, of Nantucket</i> (1821)
Oliver Wendell Holmes	"Old Ironsides" (September 16, 1830, first published in the <i>Boston Daily Advertiser</i>)
Edgar Allan Poe	"MS. Found in a Bottle" (1833)
Nathaniel Hawthorne	"Foot-prints on the Sea-shore" (1839, later collected in <i>Twice-Told Tales</i>)
Richard Henry Dana, Jr.	<i>Two Years Before the Mast</i> (1840)
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	"The Wreck of the Hesperus" (1841)
Henry David Thoreau	"Cape Cod" (1865)
Herman Melville	<i>Typee</i> (1846), <i>Omoo</i> (1847), <i>Mardi</i> (1849), <i>Moby-Dick</i> (1851), "Billy Budd" (1924, posthumous)
Charles Warren Stoddard	<i>South Sea Idyls</i> (1874)
Walt Whitman	"As I Ebb'd with the Ocean of Life" (1860), "The World below the Brine," "A Winter Day on the Sea-Beach" (1882, prose) "Sea-Shore Fancies" (reflection)
Samuel Dana Greene	"In the Monitor's Turret," article written for <i>The Century Magazine</i> (1884), by the executive officer of the <i>Monitor</i>
Mark Twain	<i>About All Kinds of Ships</i> (1893)
Stephen Crane	"The Open Boat" (1897)
Jack London	"A Royal Sport" (1911, from <i>The Cruise of the Snark</i>)
Marianne Moore	"The Fish" (1918)
Langston Hughes	<i>The Weary Blues</i> (1926), <i>The Big Sea</i> (1949)
James Agee	"Havana Cruise" (June 1937, <i>Fortune</i> magazine)

Above, from left: Edgar Allan Poe, Herman Melville, Langston Hughes, John Steinbeck, Rachel Carson, Peter Matthiessen, John McPhee

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| John Steinbeck | <i>Sea of Cortez</i> (1941) |
| Edward V. Rickenbacker | <i>Seven Came Through</i> (1943) |
| Robert Lowell | “The Quaker Graveyard in Nantucket” (1946) |
| Elizabeth Bishop | “At the Fishhouse” (1947, <i>New Yorker</i> magazine) |
| Ernest Hemingway | “The Old Man and the Sea” (1952), “After the Storm” (1933) |
| E. B. White | “The Sea and the Wind That Blows” (1963) |
| Rachel Carson | <i>The Sea Around Us</i> (1951), <i>The Edge of the Sea</i> (1956) |
| Peter Matthiessen | <i>The Blue Meridian: The Search for the Great White Shark</i> (1971),
<i>Men’s Lives: The Surfmen and Baymen of the South Fork</i> (1986) |
| Stephen J. Pyne | <i>The Ice: A Journey to Antarctica</i> (1986) |
| John McPhee | <i>Looking for a Ship</i> (1990) |