

# CAPTAIN JAMES COOK

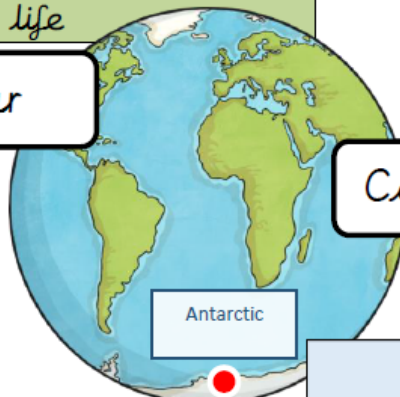
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### Key Vocabulary

Continent	A large solid area of land, the Earth is made up of seven continents.
Voyage	To travel somewhere far on a boat
Ocean	A huge body of salt water. Oceans cover nearly 71% of the Earth's surface
Captain	Someone who is in charge of a team.
Explorer	Someone who travels in search of information to tell people about.
Endeavour	Doing something that is very difficult or ambitious
Earth	Earth is what we live on and is the only planet that can support life



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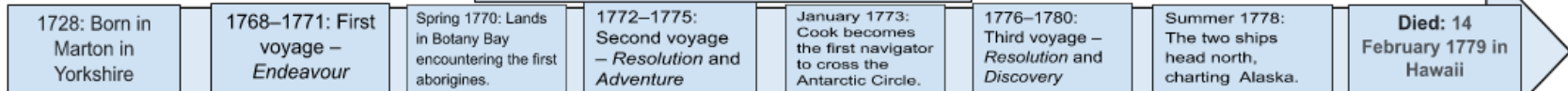
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### Fascinating Fact

He is considered one of the world's greatest explorers and created the first accurate map of the Pacific Ocean.

### James Cook Timeline



### The Life of Captain James Cook

#### Early Life

- James Cook was born on 7th November 1720. He spent his early life in North Yorkshire.
- As a teenager, he became fascinated with the sea, and learnt how to make maps (cartography).
- He moved to Whitby, to find jobs on coal ships there.

#### Early Career

- In the Seven Years War, Cook served in the Royal Navy.
- He showed talent in cartography.
- He was chosen to map Newfoundland and caught the attention of the Royal Society.

#### First Voyage (1768-71)

- In 1766, The Royal Society hired Cook to go to the Pacific Ocean to track the planet Venus in its path across the sun. However, he didn't have the instruments to do this accurately.
- With the help of a Tahitian named Tupacia, he began to explore the southern Pacific. They explored a number of islands in the area, and were the 2nd Europeans to New Zealand.
- After discovering the Great Barrier Reef and the east Australia Coast, landing at Botany Bay. The crew then went to New Guinea for repairs. Many end up dying of scurvy and malaria.

#### Second and Third Voyages (1772-75 and 1776-79)

- On his 2nd voyage, Cook was sent to look for a large continent in the South Pacific. He became the first European to cross the Antarctic Circle, in 1773. He almost spotted Antarctica, but turned back.
- On both the 2nd and 3rd voyages, Cook captained HMS Resolution. On the 3rd voyage, in 1778, he became the 1st European to visit the Hawaiian Islands. He named them the Sandwich Islands. He then mapped the coast from California right the way north to the Bering Strait.