

Key areas for comparison between explorers -

- 1) Clothing and equipment required to complete their journey
- 2) Level of danger
- 3) Historical context - i.e. Matthew Henson's achievements were made in the context of significant racism
- 4) Length (time taken) of journey
- 5) Distance covered

We are researching four significant explorers. They are -

Ibn Battuta



Matthew Henson






Neil Armstrong



Felicity Aston



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| <p>1) In what year did Neil Armstrong walk on the moon?</p>  | <p>A</p> <p>1969</p> | <p>B</p> <p>1979</p> | <p>C</p> <p>1989</p> |
| <p>2) What is Felicity Aston famous for doing?</p>  | <p>She was the first and only woman to ski across Antarctica alone.</p> | <p>She was the first woman to reach the North Pole.</p> | <p>She was the first woman to reach the south pole.</p> |
| <p>3) What date did Matthew Henson reach the North Pole?</p> | <p>1903</p> | <p>1909</p> | <p>1910</p> |
| <p>4) The Hubbard Medal is a special medal awarded by the National Geographic Society for distinction (amazing achievement) in exploration, discovery and research. Why did Matthew Henson not get this medal until almost 100 years after his achievement?</p> | <p>It takes a long time to decide who deserves the medal as it is so special.</p> | <p>Matthew Henson was a black explorer so his achievement wasn't recognised because of racism.</p> | <p>The National Geographic Society didn't know that Matthew Henson had got to the North Pole.</p> |

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| <p>5) In what year was Ibn Battuta born?</p>  | 1204 | 1304 | 1404 |
| 6) How far did Felicity Aston walk? | 869 miles | 2019 miles | 1084 miles |
| 7) How long did it take for Neil Armstrong to get to the Moon? | 3 days | 1 day | 19 hours |
| 8) List 3 countries that Ibn Battuta visited | India / China | Sri Lanka / Egypt | Spain / Mali |
| 9) Which explorer had the most complicated equipment? What was it? | Neil Armstrong had the most complicated equipment. It included the Saturn V rocket and a spacesuit. His spacesuit alone cost £120,000,000! | | |
| 10) Which explorer had the least complicated equipment? What was it? | Ibn Battuta had the least complicated equipment. He wore traditional middle eastern clothing and travelled on boat, by foot and camel. Matthew Henson also wore very simple fur skin clothes and travelled by dog sled, by foot and boat. | | |