

Famous people from the past

Vocabulary

Explorer	An explorer is someone who travels to unfamiliar places
Expedition	An expedition is a journey to a place where no-one or very few people have been
A long time ago	Something that happened in the past
Recent	Something that has happened but not a long time ago
Polar	Thick ice that surrounds the North and South poles
Arctic circle	Arctic circle is the name of the area (sea) surrounding the North Pole. It is very cold
Antarctic	Antarctic is the continent (land) covered in ice that surrounds the South Pole - it is very cold
Scientist	A scientist is a person whose job is to find out about the world.
MBE	An MBE is a medal given to people who have achieved something very special. MBE means Member of the Order of the British Empire.

What you will learn by the end of the unit

- Sequence events in order on a timeline.
- Use words such as A long time ago, when ... was young, old / new.
- Recount the lives of famous people from the past and say why the people were important.
- Ask and answer questions about famous people.
- Pick out old and new aspects in a picture.
- Say what an object from the past might have been used for

Key Facts

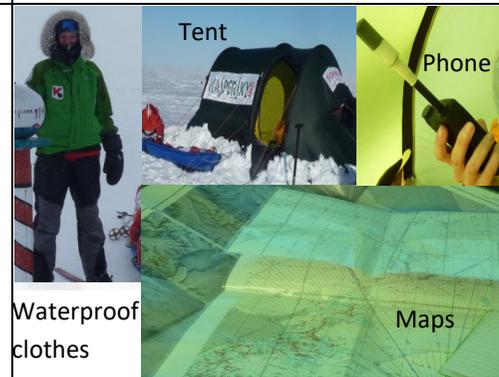
When was he born ?	Matthew Henson was born a long time ago in Maryland America in 1866
Early life	His parents died when he was young and he ran away when he was 12 and got a job on a ship
Later life	He met Robert Peary who was an explorer and they went on expeditions together finally reaching the North Pole in 1909. He died in 1955

What equipment did he use?

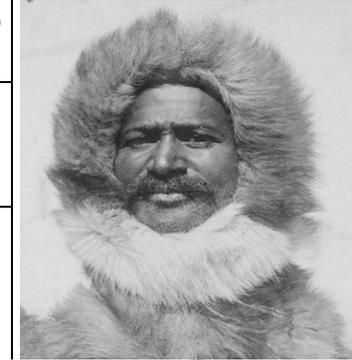


When was she born?	Felicity Aston was born on 7th October 1977 in Kent England
Early life	Felicity remembers being given sweets to climb a hill when she was 9
Later life	Felicity is a famous scientist who still organises and leads expeditions and has written 4 books

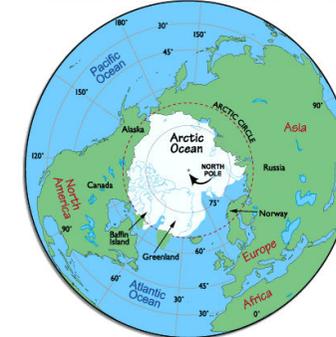
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Key people



Matthew Henson was a brave explorer and tried for many years to reach the North Pole. He is thought to be the first man to actually reach the North Pole on 6th April 1909. He said 'I'm the first man to sit on top of the world'



Matthew Henson was not recognised at first as a great explorer. Robert Peary was given the credit. Finally in 1944 he received a medal for his work.



Felicity Aston was the first person to ski across the Antarctic (1,084 miles). It took 59 days and she arrived at the South Pole on the 23rd January 2012. She took peanut butter with her!



Felicity has spent many years exploring the Antarctic and in 2015 she received an MBE for her work