

Explorers- Year 2 Knowledge Organiser

What should we already know?

- What a ship is.
- What the moon is.
- The different continents of the world.



Christopher Columbus

Birth: 31st October 1451, Genoa

Famous for: leading an expedition to colonise America.

What he did: He began sailing at the age of 13. He then set sail to find the quickest route to China and India, funded by the King and Queen of Spain. He took three ships, and in doing so came across San Salvador in the Bahamas, and eventually South America. He claimed the Island in the name of Spain, and took some of the Natives back with him. He returned a number of times, and eventually discovered South America.

Neil Armstrong

Birth: 5th August 1930, Ohio

Famous for: being the first man to walk on the moon.

What he did: After University, he became a test pilot and flew over 200 different aircrafts before being accepted as part of the NASA Astronaut corps. In 1969 he went aboard Apollo 11 and become the first man to walk on the moon on July 21st 1969. After stepping on the moon, he was heard saying "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Key Vocabulary

Explorer: someone who explores new places or lands.

Native: someone born or reared in a particular place

Sailor: someone who sails on a ship.

Voyage: a journey over sea.

Santa Maria, Nina, Pinta: the name of Christopher Columbus's 3 ships.

Astronaut: someone who goes into space.

NASA: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Rocket: a vehicle used to go into space.

Apollo 11: the space shuttle used for the first moon landing.

Assessment

- Tell other what significant means.
- Tell others who Christopher Columbus was.
- Good: discuss similarities and differences in the missions of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong were similar and different.
- Group people according to the reasons they are significant.
- Recall events related to Christopher Columbus.
- Sort items between the two explorers and explain why they are useful.
- Glorious: explain why individuals may be described as significant.
- Empathise with Christopher Columbus and his discovery of Central America.
- explain why Neil Armstrong is important.

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1. Who was Christopher Columbus?

2. Who was Neil Armstrong?

3. What was Apollo 11?

4. What were Santa Maria, Nina and Pinta?

5. What does the word 'native' mean?
