

Explorers

Christopher Columbus 1451-1506

Christopher Columbus was a sailor. His first voyage nearly ended in disaster as his ship was attacked and set on fire by pirates! Columbus only survived by swimming to land. He became famous as the explorer who found new lands called 'The Americas'. But actually, many people already lived there. He found the Americas by accident! He was actually looking for a new way to get to China and India.

Neil Armstrong 1930-2012

Neil Armstrong loved flying. He flew fighter planes for the American Navy and later tested rocket-powered planes. All before becoming an astronaut! On the 21 July 1969, he became the first man to walk on the Moon. He later became a professor and taught others all about flying.

Christopher Columbus Timeline

1492	Columbus's first voyage to reach China. Discovers and names San Salvador.
1493	Columbus' second voyage. Discovers and names Dominica. (Caribbean island)
1498	Columbus' third voyage. Discovers and names South America.
1502	Columbus' fourth voyage. Discovers Central America.
1506	Columbus dies in Spain.

↓ 450 YEARS LATER ↓

Space Travel Timeline

1949	First monkey sent into space.
1961	First man in space.
1963	First woman in space.
1969	Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become the first people to walk on the moon.
2012	Mars Rover lands on Mars. Exploration

Key Vocabulary

significant	important
technology	using knowledge to invent new devices or tools
explorer	someone who travels to places about which little is known
navigate	plan and direct the course of a ship
voyage	a long journey involving travel by sea or space
sailor	someone who works on a ship or sails a boat
astronaut	a person who goes into space
Caribbean	a group of islands in the Caribbean Sea
Apollo 11	Apollo 11 was the spaceflight that first landed humans on the Moon



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