

# Table of Contents

Introduction.....	5
Explorers	
James Cook, Matthew Flinders, James Bruce, and Mungo Park .....	6-9
Inventors	
George Stephenson, Matthias William Baldwin, Richard Trevithick, and Peter Cooper .....	10-13
British Statesmen	
Edmund Burke, Charles James Fox, Arthur Wellesley, and William Wilberforce.....	14-17
Missionaries	
Richard Johnson, George Augustus Selwyn, Robert Moffat, and William Grant Broughton .....	18-21
Architects	
Benjamin Latrobe, Pierre Charles L'Enfant, Francis Greenway, and Charles Bulfinch.....	22-25
Aviators	
Patrick Gordon Taylor, Charles Kingsford Smith, Billy Bishop, and James Doolittle.....	26-29
American Authors	
Nathaniel Hawthorne, James Fenimore Cooper, Washington Irving, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow .....	30-33
Astronomers	
Sir Isaac Newton, James Bradley, Robert Hooke, and Edmond Halley .....	34-37
Female American Authors	
Harriet Beecher Stowe, Sarah Orne Jewett, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, and Louisa May Alcott .....	38-41
Female Scientists	
Annie Jump Cannon, Marie Curie, Rosa Smith Eigenmann, and Lise Meitner .....	42-45
Female Aviators	
Jean Gardner Batten, Amy Johnson, Amelia Earhart, and Marion Alice Orr.....	46-49
Female Authors	
Beatrix Potter, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Frances Hodgson Burnett, and Pearl S. Buck.....	50-53

Scottish Inventors	
James Watt, John Rennie, Charles Macintosh, and William Murdoch .....	54-57
Historic World Leaders	
Black Hawk, Simón Bolívar, John Adams, and Warren Hastings .....	58-61
Historians	
Francis Parkman, George Bancroft, François Guizot, and Theodor Mommsen .....	62-65
Doctors	
Susan La Flesche Picotte, Carlos Juan Finlay, Elizabeth Blackwell, and Niels Ryberg Finsen .....	66-69
Canadian Prime Ministers	
Sir John Alexander Macdonald, Alexander Mackenzie, Sir John Joseph Caldwell Abbott, and Sir Mackenzie Bowell .....	70-73
Irish Engineers and Inventors	
Michael Cudahy, Frederick York Wolseley, C.Y. O'Connor, and John Philip Holland .....	74-77
Bonus Activities.....	78-79
Answer Key .....	80-98

SAMPLE

## Introduction

Welcome to the Famous People Activities and Research Project! This project is designed to help guide students through an independent research project to learn about 72 explorers, inventors, statesmen, missionaries, architects, aviators, authors, astronomers, scientists, world leaders, historians, doctors, and engineers. These individuals are broken into sets of four to make research practical. Students can use the questions and activities as a guide to research each individual in a set and then answer the questions. Allow plenty of time for rabbit trails so students can investigate facts and stories they discover along the way.

This unit can also be used as a tool to help students practice and sharpen research and notetaking skills. Have students record where they find the answers to each question as they would if they were doing research for a paper or presentation. You can also use this record of sources to help them dig deeper into the topics that interest them.

There are bonus questions at the end to encourage further reflection on what has been learned. I hope you find many fascinating details to discuss with your students!

SAMPLE

## Explorers—Is It True?

Write T for true or F for False on the line before each of the statements below. If the statement is false, see if you can correct it.

- \_\_\_\_1. James Cook was born in England and joined the British navy while he was in his teens.
- \_\_\_\_2. Along with explorer George Bass, Matthew Flinders proved that Tasmania was an island, separated from the continent of Australia.
- \_\_\_\_3. In 1795, Mungo Park was sent to explore the Nile River.
- \_\_\_\_4. James Bruce is best known for his travels in Abyssinia (now Algeria).
- \_\_\_\_5. James Cook was the first navigator to cross the Arctic Circle.
- \_\_\_\_6. As commander of the *Tom Thumb*, Matthew Flinders was given the job of finding out whether eastern and western Australia were separated by a strait or if it was one land mass.
- \_\_\_\_7. One of the aims of the 1772 voyage of James Cook was to test a new instrument for navigation called the chronometer.
- \_\_\_\_8. The explorations of Mungo Park were part of an effort by Europeans to map Africa and develop it technologically.
- \_\_\_\_9. James Bruce authored the book *Travels to Discover the Source of the Nile*, which has been found to be an accurate record of Abyssinian culture.
- \_\_\_\_10. Matthew Flinders' great-great grandson, William Matthew Flinders Petrie, became a famous Egyptologist.
- \_\_\_\_11. Mungo Park disappeared while exploring Africa; reports said that he and his party drowned in the Bussa rapids in Nigeria.
- \_\_\_\_12. Matthew Flinders sailed to Tahiti with Captain William Bligh early in his career.

# The World at the Time of James Cook, Matthew Flinders, James Bruce, and Mungo Park

Underline the name of the person who fits the description.

1. Lived during both the American Revolution and the War of 1812

James Cook

Mungo Park

Matthew Flinders

2. Lived when the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France

Mungo Park

James Bruce

James Cook

3. Lived when Catherine the Great of Russia died

James Bruce

James Cook

Mungo Park

4. Lived when Benjamin Franklin began publishing *The Pennsylvania Gazette*

Matthew Flinders

James Cook

James Bruce

5. Lived when Scottish engineer James Watt was born

Mungo Park

James Bruce

Matthew Flinders

6. Lived during the War of the Austrian Succession

Matthew Flinders

Mungo Park

James Cook

7. Lived when Admiral Horatio Nelson of Great Britain died

Matthew Flinders

James Bruce

James Cook

8. Lived when Benjamin Franklin began publishing *Poor Richard's Almanac*

James Bruce

Matthew Flinders

Mungo Park

9. Lived when Robert Burns, the National Poet of Scotland, died

James Cook

Mungo Park

James Bruce



## World of Explorers Matching

- |         |   |    |  |
|---------|---|----|--|
| ____1.  | James Cook  | a. | Born in Donington, Lincolnshire, England                                 |
| ____2.  | Lake Tana   | b. | Born in Falkirk, Scotland  |
| ____3.  | Māori   | c. | Book written by Mungo Park   |
| ____4.  | Van Diemen's Land                                 | d. | Popular early name for Australia   |
| ____5.  | chronometer                                       | e. | Born in Marton, England  |
| ____6.  | <i>Travels in the Interior of Africa</i>          | f. | Mapmaking  |
| ____7.  | <i>Endeavor</i>                                   | g. | Disease caused by insufficient vitamin C                                 |
| ____8.  | cartography                                       | h. | Book written by Matthew Flinders   |
| ____9.  | Matthew Flinders                                  | i. | Now called Tasmania  |
| ____10. | Northwest Passage                                 | j. | Name of ship James Cook sailed to Tahiti                                 |
| ____11. | James Bruce                                       | k. | Born near Selkirk, Scotland  |
| ____12. | New Holland                                       | l. | Source of the Blue Nile  |
| ____13. | <i>Travels to Discover the Source of the Nile</i> | m. | Extremely accurate timepiece; also used for determining longitude at sea |
| ____14. | Mungo Park  | n. | People indigenous to New Zealand   |
| ____15. | scurvy  | o. | Book written by James Bruce  |
| ____16. | <i>A Voyage to Terra Australis</i>                | p. | Northern sea route between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean      |