EXPLORATION TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Put your knowledge about explorers to the test. These are not easy! Feel free to research the answers you don’t know by using the Library’s authoritative databases on our website under the “Explore” tab, or just search online.

1. What American folk hero, soldier, adventurer and politician, born in 1786, is known as the “King of the Wild Frontier”?

2. Inspired by Jules Verne’s fictional character Phileas Fogg, what American journalist traveled over 25,000 miles around the globe in a record-breaking 72 days in 1890?

3. Name the Norwegian adventurer and ethnographer who became notable for his 1947 Kon-Tiki expedition in which he sailed over 5,000 miles across the Pacific Ocean on a hand-built raft.

4. What Texas-born aviator became, in 1921, the first African-American woman to hold a pilot’s license?

5. Who was the first European explorer to actually reach India when his team sailed from Lisbon, Portugal around the Cape of Good Hope to Calicut, India in 1498?

6. Who was truly the first pioneer to discover the geographic North Pole in 1909? This African-American explorer was part of Robert Peary’s team, but planted the US flag 45-minutes ahead of Peary’s arrival.

7. Who was the Scottish-American naturalist, author and glaciologist, born in 1838, known as the “Father of National Parks”?

8. Who was the Canadian explorer and author who became the first woman to circumnavigate the globe in a car when she drove a Ford Model T over 500,000 miles across 80 countries in the mid-1920’s?

9. Who was the Australian zookeeper, conservationist, educator, environmentalist and TV personality known as “The Crocodile Hunter”?

10. Who was the Lemhi Shoshone woman who, before she was even 20 years old, helped Lewis and Clark explore thousands of miles across the Louisiana Purchase to the Pacific Ocean?