
Exploration: Captain Cook's third voyage

In this activity sheet students will:

- see a drawing printed in Captain James Cook's book based on his third voyage
- further their knowledge of Captain James Cook and appreciate his contributions to exploration, as well as understand the historical context of his voyages
- identify geography of the regions related to Cook's journeys
- gain a basic understanding of the geographical concepts of latitude and longitude and recognise them in an atlas
- label the major continents and oceans
- further develop their understanding of orientation and basic mapping conventions.

Answers to Question time 1

- a) James Cook was the first:
- European to map the east coast of Australia, and land there
 - to sail in the Antarctic Circle
 - to map many Pacific Islands
 - to help explain why a lack of vitamin C lead to scurvy.
- b) His/Her Majesty's Ship
- c) An opportunity for students to use their creativity.

Answers to Question time 2

- (a) John Webber
- (b) Hawaii
- (c) Since European contact, cultures like this have changed and lost many original traditions, this picture provides a good record of the past.

Answers to Activity 2 – Where in the world are you?

Latitude & longitude

Plymouth - Latitude 50° 25' North; Longitude 4° 15' West.
Cape of Good Hope – Latitude 33° South; Longitude 18° East
Botany Bay – Latitude 33° 52' South; Longitude 151° 12' East
Hawaii – Latitude 20° North; Longitude 160° West

Answers to Activity 5 – Named in honour of Cook

Cooktown (QLD), Cook Islands, Cook University (QLD), Cook (Canberra), Mount Cook (NZ), Cape Cook (Canada)

Additional reading

This is an imaginative 'first person' historical account of Cook's life by Cook Primary School, ACT.
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