

Shackleton and the Antarctic

Knowledge Organiser

Year 2, Summer 1: History
Whole School Topic: Why Is Earth So Angry?



Key Vocabulary

Antarctic	the Antarctic region.
expedition	A group of people who go on a journey to explore and research
exploration	To explore and discover new things about our world
Fact	A statement that can be proven with evidence
Opinion	Someone's personal beliefs/judgement about a topic
Polar	relating to the North or South Pole
Shackleton	English explorer of the Antarctica

What will I know about Shackleton by the end of this topic?

- He was born near Dublin, Ireland in 1874
- Ernest Shackleton led several **Polar expeditions**, and was one of the best known British explorers of the early 20th century. He is known for coming closest to the location of the **South Pole**
- **1901**: Shackleton's first expedition- 'Discovery'. He had to return home due to illness
- **1908**: Shackleton went on a second expedition- 'Nimrod' Shackleton and his team discovered the **Beardmore Glacier**. Next, they ascended **Mount Erebus** which is the second highest **volcano** in **Antarctica**.
- **1914**: Shackleton went on a Third expedition- 'Endurance'. In January, the ship became **ice-locked**. **Shackleton** and his men abandoned the ship, which later sunk, and lived on the ice for several months.
- Shackleton's expedition helps us today by giving us information about **glaciers** and the dangers of **melting ice**.

Historical Thinking: What do these pictures show? →

Ernest Shackleton 1874-1922



Ernest Shackleton was a polar explorer. He led 3 expeditions to Antarctica. In 1914 his ship called the Endurance was crushed by ice and he and his crew drifted on sheets of ice for months until they reached Elephant Island. Shackleton eventually rescued his crew, all of whom survived the ordeal. He died while setting out on the last expedition.



Timeline of Events

Ernest Shackleton was born

Second expedition

Ernest Shackleton died



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