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Marco Polo

USEFUL WEBSITES

- 1 <u>history.howstuffworks.com/historical-figures/who-was-marco-polo.htm</u> Information about Marco Polo's life, including a video clip about the Silk Road in China.
- 2 <u>www.history.com/videos/marco-polo</u>
 Marco Polo's life told in pictures and song, plus a link to a video about China in Marco Polo's time.
- 3 www.biography.com/people/kublai-khan-9369657
 Biography of Kublai Khan, including a video clip about Marco Polo and his stay in China.
- 4 <u>www.travelchinaguide.com/silk-road/</u>
 Information about the Silk Road including routes, culture, history, silkworms and the manufacture of silk.

Ibn Battuta

USEFUL WEBSITES

- 1 www.saudiaramcoworld.com/issue/200504/the.traveler.ibn.battuta.htm Detailed information about Ibn Battuta's life and travels.
- 2 www.ibnibnbattuta.com/p/who-was-ibn-battuta.html Overview of Ibn Battuta's travels, with recommendations for further reading about Ibn Battuta.
- 3 <u>ibnbattuta.berkeley.edu/7delhi.html</u> Information about the time that Ibn Battuta stayed at the court of Sultan Muhammad bin Tughluq in Delhi and his escape.
- 4 <u>ibnbattuta.berkeley.edu/12westafrica.html</u> Focusing on Ibn Battuta's travels in West Africa.

PRINTED RESOURCES

The Adventures of Ibn Battuta: A Muslim Traveler of the Fourteenth Century (University of California) by Ross E Dunn

Christopher Columbus

USEFUL WEBSITES

- 1 www.history.com/topics/christopher-columbus/videos
 Twelve video clips related to the life and journeys of Christopher Columbus.
- 2 <u>latinamericanhistory.about.com/od/thevoyagesofcolumbus/p/08columbusbio.htm</u> The life and journeys of Christopher Columbus, and how he is regarded today.
- 3 www.thenina.com/index.html
 The work of the Columbus Foundation in building replicas of Columbus's ships.

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4 <u>www.history.com/topics/columbus-day</u>

The origins of Columbus Day and how it is celebrated in different countries.

5 video.nationalgeographic.com/video/kids/history-kids/christopher-columbus-kids

Video about the journeys of Christopher Columbus and his legacy.

James Cook

USEFUL WEBSITES

1 www.captaincooksociety.com/

Comprehensive information about James Cook's life, voyages and discoveries.

2 www.anmm.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=1372

The replica of Cook's ship *Endeavour* at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney, together with links to other sites about *Endeavour*.

3 www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/empire_seapower/endeavour_voyage_01.shtml

Focuses on the scientific discoveries made by James and the botanist Joseph Banks during the *Endeavour's* voyage. Contains links to books with further information.

4 ageofex.marinersmuseum.org/?type=webpage&id=55

Who the people who sailed with Cook were and what life at sea was like at that time.

5 www.cookmuseumwhitby.co.uk/

The Cook Memorial Museum in Whitby (UK), with information about Cook's life and countries with links to Cook.

David Livingstone

USEFUL WEBSITES

1 www.livingstoneonline.ucl.ac.uk/biog/dl/bio.html

Detailed information about Livingstone's life, including the letters and books he wrote. For specific reference to the Zambezi Expedition, see: www.livingstoneonline.ucl.ac.uk/companion.php?id=HIST4

2 <u>www.westminster-abbey.org/our-history/people/david-livingstone</u>

An account of Livingstone's burial and commemoration services at Westminster Abbey.

3 <u>www.tothevictoriafalls.com/vfpages/discovery/livingstone.html</u>

Livingstone's explorations in Africa, with links to sites about the Zambezi River and Victoria Falls.

4 www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/stanley.htm

An account of Henry Morton Stanley's meeting with Livingstone, as told by Stanley.

5 <u>www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/activityandadventure/9550734/Mary-Livingstone-in-the-footsteps-of-the-other-explorer.html</u> An account of Mary Livingstone and her travels with her husband.

PRINTED RESOURCES

Looking for Mrs Livingstone (Saint Andrews Press) by Julie Davidson

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Yuri Gagarin

USEFUL WEBSITES

1 www.bbc.co.uk/science/space/solarsystem/astronauts/yuri_gagarin

Detailed information about Gagarin's historic space flight, with film clips from past BBC programmes including the cosmonauts and their training, and Gagarin's interviews with the press. For information on eight other famous astronauts, see www.bbc.co.uk/science/space/solarsystem/astronauts.

2 www.worldspaceflight.com

A detailed overview of astronauts, cosmonauts and taikonauts and their missions in space. Shows the progress made in space research by different countries.

3 www.space.com/4422-timeline-50-years-spaceflight.html

Achievements in space for 50 years after the launch of Sputnik 1 in 1957.

4 www.space.com/17764-laika-first-animals-in-space.html

Information about Laika the dog and other animals sent into space.

5 <u>www.history.com/topics/space-race</u>

An overview of the Space Race between the US and the Soviet Union.

6 www.spacekids.co.uk/spacehistory

A timeline of the main achievements in space travel from 1942–2020.