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Key Historical Skill: Cause and Consequence



Hello, my name is Sir Edmund Hillary. I am known for being the first person to climb Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain. I became interested in climbing mountains when I was a teenager, and since then, I have climbed many mountains and followed my passion for exploring.



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Hello, my name is Ibn Battuta. I am a Moroccan explorer that covered more miles than any other explorer of my time. Over 700 years ago, in 1325, I explored the Middle East, India, China and North Africa because I loved exploring and wanted to go on a religious journey to Mecca in Saudi Arabia. I walked on foot and rode a camel, using only the stars to guide me. I didn't want to use the same road twice, so my journey took me to many different places. After I had reached Mecca, which was wonderful, I didn't return home for almost 30 years! I carried on exploring the continents, seeing the world as I went.



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Hello, I am Sylvia Earle, an American oceanographer. That means I study and explore the oceans and all that lives in them. I love my job. I've got the best job in the world! I knew when I was a little girl that I wanted to learn more about the sea when a huge wave knocked me off my feet! My main aim is to help to save our oceans and make people aware of the impact humans can have on the planet.



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Hello, I'm Roald Amundsen, a polar explorer from Norway. I am known for being the first to visit the North and South Poles. I have always wanted to become an explorer from a young age. I studied to be a doctor for a while but then gave that up to follow my dream. When I set off for the South Pole, I kept it a secret from everyone except my brother, as I knew other explorers were trying to get there first. I succeeded in 1911 and then turned my attention to planning a mission to the North Pole. After a few failed attempts, I finally accomplished my dream and reached the North Pole in 1926.

