

## Year 2 Knowledge Organiser—Explorers



### Captain James Cook

**Born**— 1728 in England

**Died**—1779 in Hawaii




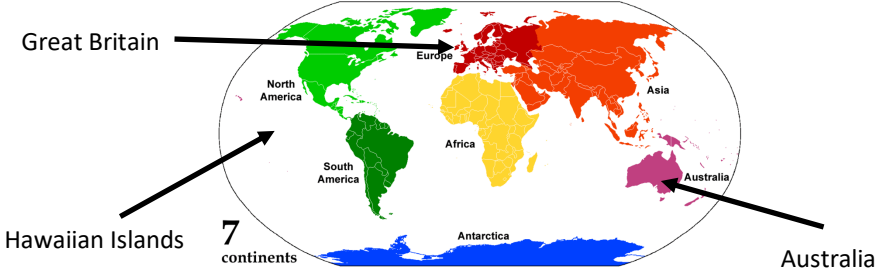
**Occupation**—Explorer

**Known for**—Exploring  
the South Pacific.

### Key Vocabulary

coast	The edge of the land where it meets the sea.
commander	A senior officer in charge of soldiers or sailors. The commander makes the decisions.
continent	A very large area of land, such as Africa or Asia, that is made up of several countries.
ocean	A very large area of salt water. There are five oceans on the Earth's surface.
equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth.
explorer	Someone who travels to places about which very little is known, in order to discover what is there.
native	Someone born in a particular place.
navigator	A person in a vehicle who decided which way the vehicle should travel.
Pacific	One of the five oceans on the Earth's surface.
sailor	Someone who works on a ship or sails a boat.
voyage	A long journey, often at sea.
warship	A ship with guns that is used for fighting in wars.

### Timeline of events in Captain Cook's Life

1728	1745	1755	1768	1770	1771	1776
James Cook is born in Yorkshire, England in October.	Cook moves to the coast to live in a town called Whitby. He is 17 years old. He is talented at sailing and navigation.	Cook joins the Royal Navy in North America and learns to 'chart coastal waters.' That means he studied and made maps of the coast.	Cook becomes commander of HMS Endeavour on an expedition to observe the Planet Venus. He was really sent on a secret voyage to find the Great Southern Continent we know as Australia.	They sailed into the Pacific Ocean and spotted Australia on April 19th. Cook claims it for Great Britain and called it New South Wales, when he first sets foot on land at Botany Bay.	Cook returned to Great Britain to tell of his discoveries. He became a famous person and went on more expeditions to unknown places.	Cook is killed in a place called Hawaii by a native tribe.  His crew bury his body at sea.
 <p>North South East West</p> <p>A compass is used to navigate and show direction.</p>	 <p>Navy warships had guns to use in battles at sea.</p>	 <p>HMS Endeavour—Cook's famous ship.</p>	 <p>Great Britain</p> <p>Hawaiian Islands</p> <p>7 continents</p> <p>Australia</p>			