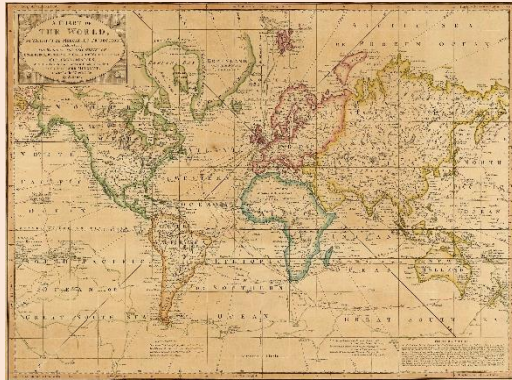


- Ranulph Fiennes is recognised as 'the world's greatest living explorer'.
- He travelled on foot to the North Pole and the South Pole.
- He is the only person in the world to reach the summit of Mount Everest – the highest mountain on Earth!



- Mary Anning was a palaeontologist – someone who is an expert in fossils.
- Mary Anning was born in 1799.
- She discovered the first complete dinosaur skeleton.
- A fossil is the remains or traces of a plant or animal which lived a very long time ago.
- Her findings taught people about life in prehistory.

Explorers



- Christopher Columbus was born in Italy around 1450.
- His father was a merchant trader who sent him to work on trading ships when he was a boy.
- His great ambition was to find a quicker way to sail from Europe to Asia.



- Between 1492 and 1503 Christopher Columbus made 4 voyages across the Atlantic Ocean.
- Christopher's first voyage in 1492 was difficult because it lasted 36 days!
- His ships were damaged and had to be repaired whilst at sea and his compass broke so it was hard to know if they were sailing in the right direction.
- When they reached land, he had discovered the 'new' continent of North America.

