

WHO WAS FIRST?



Background:

Before Captain Cook and later, the First Fleet, arrived in Australia, many European Nations sent out Explorers to discover new lands. These countries were hoping to establish new trade routes and colonies. At this time much of the world was unknown and there was no accurate map available to show the world as it is today. The race was on to see which country would be the first to complete the map of the world!

Task:

You have been time travelled back to the 1600's as a reporter. Your first assignment is to sail the seas with:

- *Abel Tasman*
- *Willem Janszoon*
- *William Dampier*
- *Dirk Hartog*

You have to prepare a report on the Explorer who you believe should be recognised as placing Australia on the world map. You will need to explain your choice.

Which one will you choose?

You will receive a list of questions from your teacher that you need to cover in your biography.

Where can I find the information?

Web sites:



Dampier

[William Dampier](#)



Tasman

[Abel Tasman](#)



Janszoon

[Willem Janszoon](#)



Hartog's Pewter Plate

Hartog

[Dirk Hartog](#)

Enchanted Learning Link - <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/australia.shtml>