



The Worst Journey

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The Worst Journey in the World

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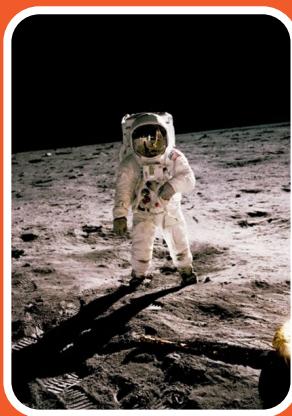
Do you have what it takes?

Pioneers sometimes explore unexplored place - not knowing anything in advance about what you might find there.



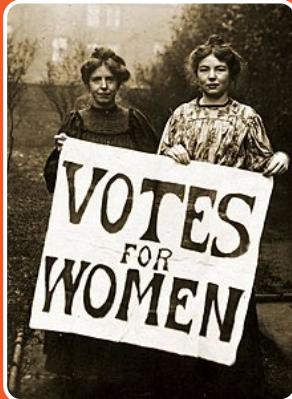
When Edward Wilson set off to Antarctica, very little was known about it except that it was very difficult to survive there.

Pioneers need courage to suggest a new idea or invention.



400 years ago the Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus put forward his idea that the world is round and revolves around the sun. Some people said he was insulting God, who they believed had put the Earth at the centre of the Universe. There is still a 'Flat Earth Society' today of people who do not accept that the Earth is round - despite all the evidence.

Pioneers also need courage to try and change things which are unfair and wrong.



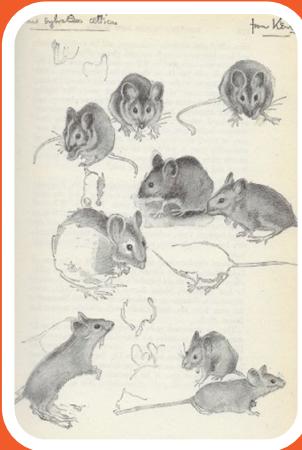
The Suffragettes decided that they weren't prepared to accept that only men were allowed to vote. They had to put up with a lot of very bad behaviour because many people (including some women) did not want anything to change and didn't think women were clever enough to make important decisions.

Pioneers also need curiosity.
They are interested in finding out how things work, making discoveries and seeing how things can be made better.



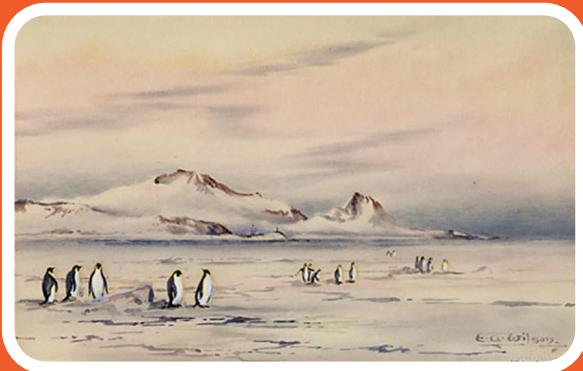
Edward Wilson was curious about the natural world all around him from when he was a young boy. He started teaching himself to paint and draw by looking and listening. He said that he felt so close to Nature he could hear a bird's heartbeat

What started as curiosity about the natural world around his Gloucestershire home grew into a passionate interest about the world and a desire to be a part of the adventure to explore new lands in the Antarctic.



The drawings to the left were created by Edward Wilson in Gloucestershire.

He continued to draw on his expedition to Antarctica, only this time, he drew penguins!



Pioneers need persistence. Persistence is sometimes called resilience. It means being strong enough to overcome problems and not be put off. Pioneers aren't discouraged when things get difficult or when other people don't agree with them.

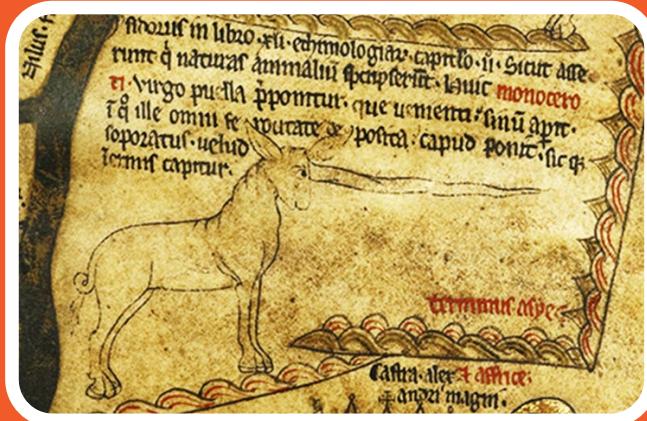
When Edward Jenner invented a vaccine for smallpox, many other doctors did not like it because they were making money selling their own 'medicines' (which did not work).



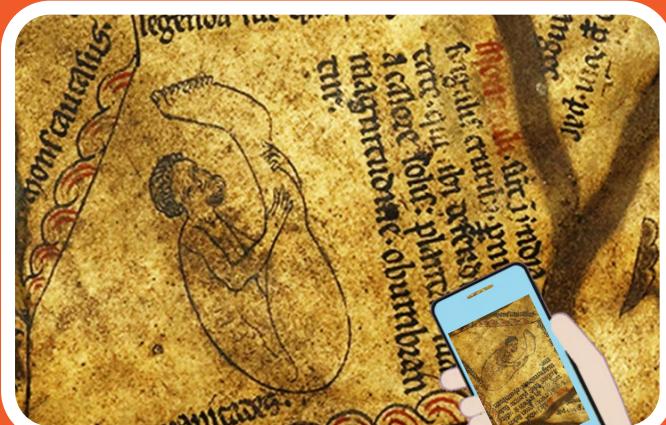


Mythical Creatures and People

Many explores in the past reported seeing strange people and creatures on their journeys.



These included: unicorns, dragons, mermaids, Amazonians, Sciapods (said to be a race of people with one large foot that they used to shield themselves from the sun) and werewolves.



Create your own Mythical Creature



Ask
yourself...

It is human,
animal, or a
mixture of both?

What special
features does it
have?

What is its
character like -
shy or scary?



Modern Day Explorers - Plan your own adventure!

Thing to think about My answer

Where are you planning to go?

What will you do on your adventure?

Who will you take with you?

What qualities do they need?

Do they need to be strong or brainy? Do they need to read maps, speak languages or write a log of each step of the journey?

Create an advert for the local newspaper to find people to go on the adventure with you.



Don't forget to make it sound fun and exciting!

What do you need to take with you?

Things to think about	Things I need
<p>The basics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food and drink• Somewhere to sleep• Money• Clothing	
<p>Specialist equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Camera• Specialist clothing• Tools	
<p>Emergency Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radio• First aid kit• Emergency supplies	
<p>Luxuary items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you could choose just one thing, what would it be?	

Draw and label the things you need



The last unexplored areas of the world



It is said that the only part of our planet which we haven't explored yet is our oceans. Around 80% of the world's oceans are unmapped and unvisited. Oceans cover nearly three-quarters of the surface of our planet and are why it looks blue from space.

Pros and cons of exploring new areas



Think about exploring part of the ocean which has never been visited by a human before. Write a list of the 'pros' (possible benefits) and 'cons' (possible problems caused) of your visit. We've started you off.

Pros and cons of exploring unexplored areas

Where will you explore?

