

Year 1 History Knowledge Organiser



Topic: Ice Explorers – Tenzing Norgay and Ernest Shackleton

Key questions:

- Can I compare the life experiences of two famous explorers? Can I use a range of sources to find out about different artefacts? How have past expeditions helped better our lives?

Key knowledge:

- Ernest Shackleton overcame hardship to lead an expedition to the Antarctic.
- Ernest Shackleton was born in 1874 and died in 1922.
- He traveled to the Antarctic 3 times to achieve his goal.
- The South Pole is in the Antarctic.
- He was knighted by the Queen of England to become Lord Shackleton.



A **mountain is formed** by two land masses (**tectonic plates**) colliding.

Key knowledge:

- Tenzing Norgay overcame freezing cold (sub-zero) temperatures, little food to reach the summit of Mount Everest.
- Mount Everest is located on the border of Nepal and China.
- Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world.
- Mount Everest is -31 degrees.
- When you are climbing Mount Everest there are special camps that you need to stop at.
- Modern day equipment has advanced and more people have reached the **summit (top of the mountain)**.

Key vocabulary:

Archaeology - the study of human activity through the recovery and analysis of material culture.

Artefact - an object made by a human being, typically one of cultural or historical interest.

Decade - a period of ten years.

Conquest – taking control of a place.

Chronological - following the order in which they occurred.

Diversity - a range of different things.

Expedition – a journey undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose.

Explorer - a person who explores a new or unfamiliar area.

Global - relating to the whole world.

Interpretation - the action of explaining the meaning of something.

Evidence - facts or information indicating whether a belief or proposition is true.

Glacier - a slowly moving mass or river of ice.

Survive - continue to live or exist.

Climate - the weather conditions in an over a long period.

Temperature - the degree of heat present in the air.

Sub-zero temperatures- temperatures below freezing point (0 degrees – water turns to ice).

Expedition- a long journey of discovery

Gruelling- difficult.



Mt Everest is the highest point on Earth. It is located on the border of Tibet and China and is over 60 million years old.

By the end of this topic I will be able to create a comparison chart between past and present explorers. I am going to:

- research information about different ice environments.
- research information about famous explorers.
- Turn researched notes into my own sentences.
- Present information using a table or chart.
- Draw and label diagram

