

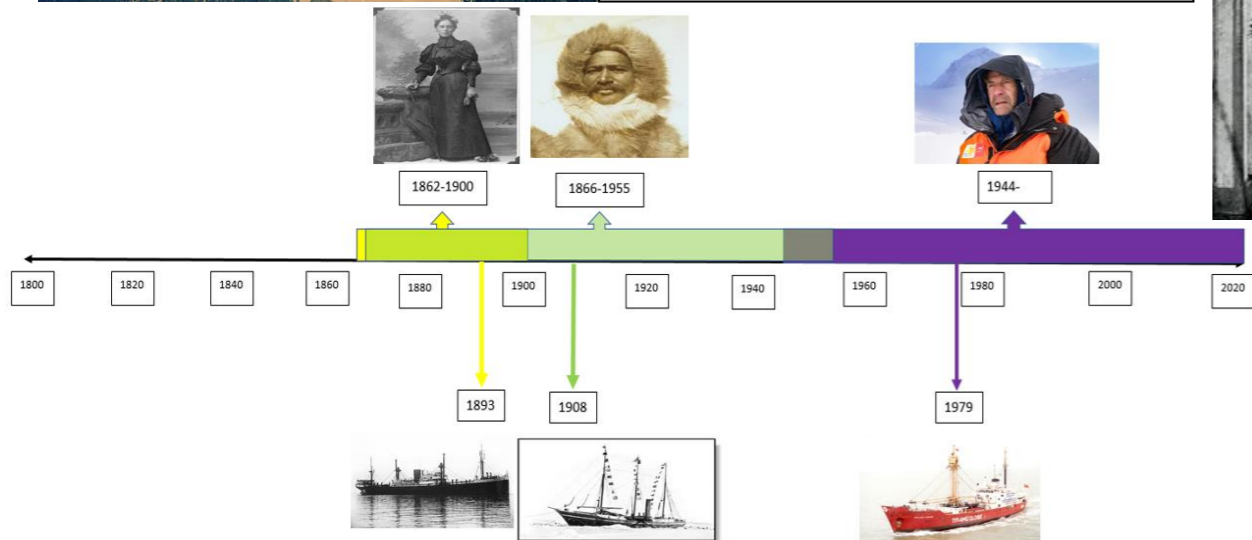
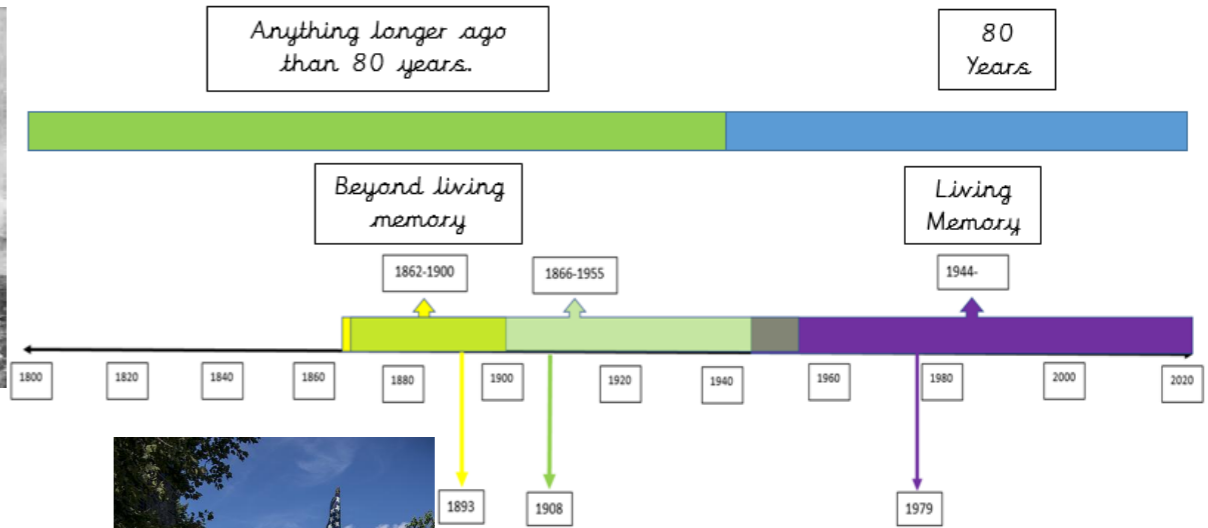
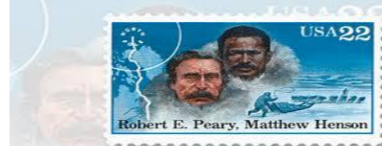
Significant Explorers - Knowledge Sheet



Linked to the outside world by air and by river, **Iquitos** is the world's largest city that cannot be reached by road.



Matthew Henson was an African American explorer best known as the co-discoverer of the **North Pole** with Robert Edwin Peary in 1909.



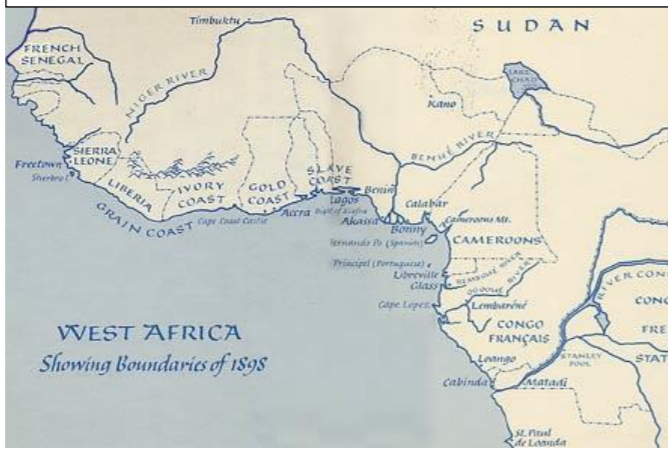
Matthew Henson and Mary Kingsley's achievements are **beyond living memory**. Sir Ranulph Fiennes is still alive his achievements are **within living memory**.

An **explorer** is someone who travels to **new or unfamiliar places**. They often travel in search of **geographical or scientific information**.



A photo of Mary Kingsley and the **famous dress** she wore on her adventures.

Mary Kingsley explored places in **West Africa**. She was the first European to visit areas of Gabon and first English lady to climb Mount Cameroon.



Sir Ranulph Fiennes has raised **millions of pounds for charity**. He is known as the **greatest living explorer** because of his achievements.



1966
Joined the SAS and became the youngest captain in the British Army.

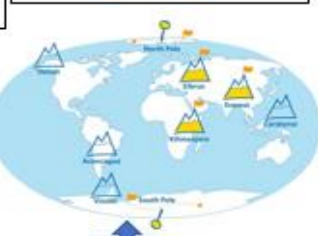
1979-1982
Becomes the first person, with Charles Burton, to reach the North and South Pole by sea in **The Transglobe Expedition**. This expedition also meant they were the first people to cross the Antarctic and Arctic Oceans and first to circumnavigate the world along its polar axis by sea.



2009
Ranulph successfully summits Mount Everest with Thundu Sherpa. In doing so he becomes the oldest Briton to summit Everest and the first person to cross both polar ice caps and reach the top of Everest.



2017-
Climbs to the top of Mount Elbrus, Russia, Europe's tallest mountain and Mount Vinson, Antarctica's tallest mountain as part of the **Global Reach Challenge**.



Mary Kingsley wrote **bestselling books** about her adventures in Africa.

Mary Kingsley traded and lived with **tribes** who had not been discovered by Europeans. She changed some people's negative views of them.



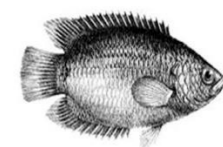
Mary Kingsley Medal awarded for achievement in tropical medicine.



Brycinus kingsleyae (Günther, 1896)



Brienomyrus kingsleyae (Günther, 1896)



Ctenopoma kingsleyae (Günther, 1896)

Mary Kingsley discovered **new species of fish** that previously unknown. She also helped scientists learn about **tropical medicine**.



1969
The first person to complete expedition of the River Nile by hovercraft.



1991
Discovers lost city of **Ubar**



2009
After suffering a heart attack that left him in a coma for three days and required double heart bypass surgery, **Ranulph runs the first ever 7x7x7**, consisting of seven marathons on seven consecutive days on seven continents.