

A WORLD OF ADVENTURE

Today many people travel around the world. We know so much about places that are far away. Our world is smaller than it was. But in the past adventurers, explorers and travellers went to places and did things for the very first time. Read on to find out about three famous adventurers from history.



1 Ibn Battuta was born in Morocco in North Africa in 1304. He studied a lot and learned many things. He left home when he was a young man and travelled for almost thirty years. He went to three continents and visited many famous cities, such as Baghdad and Constantinople. We don't know exactly when he died, but some people say it was in 1377.



2 Ferdinand Magellan was born in Portugal in 1480. His parents were rich, but they died when Magellan was a boy. He became a sailor in 1505 and travelled to Africa and India. He was the first man from Europe to cross the Pacific Ocean. He died in 1521.



3 Valentina Tereshkova was born in a village in Russia in 1937. She was the first woman to go into space. She spent two days in space in June 1963. She was the fifth person from Russia to go into space. Before she became a cosmonaut she worked in a factory.

Read the article and complete the table.

What was his/her name?	(1).....	(3).....	Valentina Tereshkova
Where was he/she born?	Morocco	Portugal	(5).....
When was he/she born?	(2).....	1480	(6).....
Where did he/she go?	Baghdad, Constantinople	(4).....	(7).....

Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 How many years did Ibn Battuta travel?

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2 How many continents did Ibn Battuta go to?

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3 What did Ferdinand Magellan do for the first time?

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4 When did Ferdinand Magellan die?

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5 What did Valentina Tereshkova do for the first time?

6 Where did Valentina Tereshkova work before she became a cosmonaut?

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