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Deep Sea Explorers



Robert Ballard
Robert Duane Ballard was born on the 30th June 1942 in the USA. He is a retired United States navy officer. In addition, he is a marine **archaeologist** and he finds lost shipwrecks.

In 1985, Robert found the missing remains of the RMS Titanic at the bottom of the ocean. Before finding the RMS Titanic, Robert had been asked to look for two lost submarines. With his team, he found the two submarines on the sea floor.



The submarines had broken apart in the deep sea and Robert used the way that they had broken to help him to find the remains of the RMS Titanic.

Most recently, Robert has decided that he is going to search for the remains of Amelia Earhart's plane. She was a pilot who mysteriously disappeared while trying to fly around the world.

Glossary

archaeologist: A person who studies human history by looking at artefacts and remains.

biologist: A scientist who studies living things.

marine: Something that is related to or found in the sea.

oceanographer: A scientist who studies anything relating to the ocean.

Questions

1. Who started an organisation? Tick one.

- ☐ Jacques Cousteau
- ☐ Sylvia Earle
- ☐ Robert Ballard
- ☐ Amelia Earhart

2. Match the events to the year in which they occurred.

Jacques Cousteau was born.	1910
Sylvia Earle was awarded the title of Hero for the Planet.	1940s
Jacques Cousteau improved the design of the aqualung.	1942
Robert Ballard was born.	1998

3. What has Robert Ballard most recently decided to search for? Tick one.

- ☐ the RMS Titanic
- ☐ a missing navy ship
- ☐ Amelia Earhart's plane
- ☐ two submarines

4. Look at the section on **Sylvia Earle**.

Number the events from 1-4 to show the order in which they occurred. One of them has been done for you.

- ☐ A popular magazine awarded Sylvia with a new title.
- ☐ 94 hope spots had been created around the world.
- ☐ Sylvia was born.
- ☒ 3 Sylvia became an explorer in residence.

5. Why did Jacques Cousteau have to leave the French naval academy?

6. Look at the section on **Robert Ballard**.

Find and copy one word which shows that nobody knew where the remains of the RMS Titanic were.

7. Would you like to be a deep sea explorer? Explain your answer.
