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## OCEANIA

# Captain James Cook

A British 18<sup>th</sup> century explorer

James Cook was born in 1728 in Yorkshire, England. When he was sixteen, he was apprenticed as a shop-boy to a grocer. Eighteen months later, he was taken on as a merchant navy apprentice. When the Seven Years War began, he volunteered for service in the Royal Navy. In 1766, the Government engaged him to command a scientific voyage to the Pacific Ocean. He and his crew rounded Cape Horn, arrived at Tahiti and then sailed on to New Zealand. They explored the Eastern coastline of Australia which Cook claimed as British territory. He made first contact with an aboriginal tribe in a place he chose to name "Botany Bay".

After that, he made his way home and published his journals. Two years later, Cook became one of the first to cross the Antarctic Circle. On his last voyage, he discovered the Sandwich Islands and explored the North American West coast as well as Alaska. On his return to Hawaii in 1779, a quarrel broke out with the islanders. Cook was struck on the head by the villagers and then stabbed to death.

Cook's twelve-year sailing around the Pacific Ocean definitely contributed to European knowledge of the area.



Adapted from = [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_Cook](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Cook)

~ Au fil de la lecture du texte, retrouvez ces mots = marine – guerre – équipage – naviguer – littoral/côte – réclamer/revendiquer – tribu – lieu – traverser – ainsi que - dispute – habitants d'une île – mort – poignarder – sans aucun doute - connaissance /4

~ Donnez les trois formes (BV / P / PP) des verbes = être – prendre – commencer – faire/fabriquer – choisir – devenir - casser – frapper /4

~ Lisez le texte et trouvez-y les équivalents de ces phrases = 1/ Cook was attacked and killed. 2/ He first worked as a sales assistant. 3/ The Hawaiians did not agree with him. 4/ He helped other people understand world geography. 5/ He returned to his country. 6/ Cook was the first European to make contact with people of the Pacific. 7/ He then became a sailor. /7

~ Lisez le texte à nouveau et répondez aux questions = 1/ What was James Cook's nationality? 2/ How old was he when he started exploring the Pacific? 3/ How many new lands did he discover there? Name them. /3

~ Voici une citation de James Cook. Traduisez la en Français = "Ambition leads me not only farther than any other man has been before me, but as far as I think it possible for man to go." /2

