

# Henry Hudson

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During the Age of Discovery from the 15th to 18th centuries, many European explorers chartered previously unknown areas of the globe. Their discoveries not only changed the map of the world in their times, but also influenced culture in many ways.



Henry Hudson was one of the important explorers of the Age of Discovery.

Henry Hudson's early life, but many young. It is likely that around Africa on his dream. Like many explorers, he searched for northern seas to Asia.

During Hudson's search for spices in Asia. In order to reach the treacherous journey to countries, such as Portugal.

It was difficult for people from England to use these routes. So, many trading companies were willing to send explorers out to sea to search for shorter alternative routes to Asia.

In 1607, an English trading company called the Muscovy Company hired Hudson to be captain of a small ship that would explore the Arctic Ocean. Many countries had already sent sailors to explore this area of the northern seas, but none had ever

Much is known about sailing while he was in the Mediterranean Sea, and his sailing turned into a passage through the

trading goods for which had to travel a long, distance to America. Other routes. They made it

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discovered a passage to Asia. With ten sailors, Hudson set sail on a ship called The Hopewell. They passed Iceland, reached the eastern coast of Greenland, and then turned northeast toward the North Pole. There, the Hopewell encountered too much ice to continue onward, and by late summer, the ship was forced to turn around. Although Henry Hudson had failed to find a northern route to Asia on this first voyage, he had gotten closer to the North Pole than any other explorer of his time.

On his second voyage, Hudson tried to go north of Russia and around the eastern part of the North Pole. However, in mid-summer, though he had not yet reached the North Pole, the ship became blocked by ice and returned to England once again.

When the Muscovy Company was established in Holland. There, he asked for permission to explore the northern part of North America. The Half Moon. When the company was established, he decided to try something new. He told them that they should go to North America from previous explorations. He told them that they should go to North America and went all the way to the North Pole. Hudson moved to the North Pole yet another voyage to the North Pole on a ship called the Half Moon. With ice, Hudson was convinced that he had found a shorter route to Asia. Based on reports that cut through North America. If correct, he would finally have realized his dream of finding a shorter and safer route to Asia.

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The Half Moon headed west, and by July, had reached what we now know as the coast of the state of Maine. Here, Hudson and his crew encountered many Native Americans. Most were friendly, and Hudson was able to trade goods with them. Hudson continued exploring along the Northeastern coast of North America. He explored the

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the areas we now know as Chesapeake Bay In Virginia, and Delaware Bay. In September 1609, Hudson began his most famous exploration, sailing up the river that we now know as the Hudson River in New York. The Half Moon kept moving up the river, looking for a route to the Pacific Ocean and to Asia. But this route simply did not exist. At the time, Hudson believed his voyage was a failure. But Hudson had actually discovered New York and the Hudson River.

Henry Hudson made one final voyage to North America in 1610, but when his crew encountered some dangers, they turned against him. Hudson left his ship and onto a rowboat with no food or water.

Henry Hudson discovered an alternative route to Asia. But because of his discoveries that characterized the areas around Hudson's North America explored are named after this important English

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- 1) What according to the passage made Hudson an important figure in the history of exploration?
- a. His endless desire to travel around the world amazed many historians.
  - b. His determination and courage as an explorer, making great discoveries that changed the world were outstanding.
  - c. Despite being refused by the Muscovy Company, he never gave up his lofty dream.
  - d. Not many explorers made as many voyages as he did.

- 2) How do the first two paragraphs in the passage and the last paragraph zero in on Henry Hudson?

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- 3) Why were several alternative routes to Asia?

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4) What did Hudson decide to do differently during his third voyage and with what purpose?

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5) Do you think that he were an explorer

or meaning? If you ship and why?

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