

## Captain Cook's Apprentice

Research life in England in 1768: Who was on the throne? What was life like for the ordinary boy?

Can you trace the journey of The Endeavour? Find a world map and plot the journey including dates. What information can you find out about each Port of call?

What can you find out about the Scientists on board? Joseph Banks? Sydney Parkinson?

In Chapter 2 John Thurman is 'Press ganged' into joining the Endeavour. What does this mean and was it practised regularly? Why?

In Chapter 4 Cape Horn is discussed at length. Why is this piece of land notorious amongst the sailors?

Write a diary as if you are Isaac Manley. Include all the major events and describe their effect on you and on the way you view life. Remember you are only 13 years old.

Compare and contrast the relationship between the local people in Tahiti, New Zealand and Australia and the crew of The Endeavour Give examples from the book to support your opinions. What can you find out about the significance of the tattoos of The Maoris?

Chapters 7-12. Consider the names that Captain Cook gave to parts of New Zealand and Australia. List them and write a note next to each regarding the significance or reason behind the name.

In Chapter 12 members of the crew are struck down by dysentery.

What is dysentery?

How do you get it?

Can it be prevented now?

How?

Is it still prevalent in some parts of the world? Why?

List some of the reasons the journey of The Endeavour was considered such an important voyage?

Imagine you are Isaac, decide on a new destination for the Endeavour during it's journey. Create a new chapter for the book, describing your Port of Call and the adventure and/or experiences that you have there.

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