

# Famous People and Firsts

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Circle the correct answer for each question about famous people and firsts.

1. Who found a sea route from Europe to India by sailing around Africa?  
(A) Christopher Columbus  
(B) Ferdinand Magellan  
(C) Vasco da Gama  
(D) Marco Polo
2. Which English queen ruled during a golden age of exploration in the 1500s?  
(A) Cleopatra  
(B) Queen Elizabeth I  
(C) Mary I  
(D) Queen Victoria
3. Who was the first woman to travel into space?  
(A) Valentina Tereshkova  
(B) Marie Curie  
(C) Amelia Earhart  
(D) Sally Ride
4. Who wrote A Christmas Carol?  
(A) Jane Austen  
(B) Lewis Carroll  
(C) William Shakespeare  
(D) Charles Dickens
5. Who was the first person to run a mile in under four minutes?  
(A) Edmund Hillary  
(B) Jesse Owens  
(C) Usain Bolt  
(D) Roger Bannister
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(A) Lewis Carroll  
(B) Hans Christian Andersen  
(C) the Brothers Grimm  
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- 9.** Who wrote many famous plays, including Romeo and Juliet?
- (A) Charles Dickens
  - (B) Homer
  - (C) William Shakespeare
  - (D) Mark Twain
- 11.** Who was the longest-reigning British monarch?
- (A) Queen Elizabeth I
  - (B) Queen Victoria
  - (C) Henry VIII
  - (D) Queen Elizabeth II
- 13.** Which British explorer mapped much of the Pacific, including New Zealand and eastern Australia?
- (A) James Cook
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- 10.** Which explorer traveled the Silk Road to China and wrote about it?
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  - (D) James Cook
- 12.** Who painted the Mona Lisa?
- (A) Pablo Picasso
  - (B) Leonardo da Vinci
  - (C) Vincent van Gogh
  - (D) Michelangelo
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