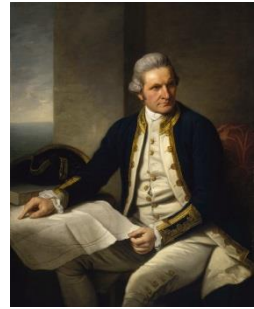


Captain James Cook



Who Was James Cook?

James Cook was born in Middlesbrough, England, in 1728. He died in 1779.

How did he start?

He started to sail aged 18 and after a few years, he joined the Navy.

Where did he travel?

James Cook was the captain of a ship that went to **Australia** and **New Zealand**. He sailed in **Antarctica** and went to **Hawaii**. He met the people who lived there and told them that the King of England now owned their land.

What happened to him?

In 1779, Captain Cook landed on Hawaii and was killed when he tried to kidnap the King of Hawaii.

Reading task – can you answer these questions?

- 1) When did James Cook live?
- 2) Where did James Cook go on his travels? Can you find these places on a map or globe?
- 3) How do you think the people that lived in Australia would feel about James saying their land belonged to the King? Why?
- 4) Can you draw a picture of something James Cook did or saw?

Challenge Task

Imagine you were exploring with James Cook. Write a postcard home about what you might have seen or done.