

Explorers - History

Key Vocabulary

artefact	An object from the time period.
chronological	In time order from earliest to most recent.
Imperial Trans Antarctic Expedition	Shackleton's expedition to cross Antarctica from 1914– 1917. The Endurance was stuck in the pack ice. The crew sailed a lifeboat to Elephant Island and waited for Shackleton and some of his men to make it to South Georgia Island, from where they sent a rescue ship.
primary source	A piece of evidence from the time. This could be something written by a person from the time, a photo, video or recording from the time, a document made at the time or an artefact .
secondary source	A piece of evidence made after an event happened. It may contain pieces of primary source or the author may have used pieces of primary sources to help them.
The Endurance	The ship in which Shackleton and his crew sailed to Antarctica in 1914.

Key People



Ernest Shackleton

Ernest Shackleton was born in 1874 in Ireland, he later moved to England. He completed several trips to the Antarctic. He died and was buried in 1922 in South Georgia Island.

Sir Rannulph Fiennes

Sir Rannulph Fiennes is one of the 20th century's most prolific explorers. He was the first person to visit both the North and South Poles by surface means and the first to completely cross Antarctica on foot. In May 2009, at the age of 65, he climbed to the summit of Mount Everest.



Key Facts

Ernest Shackleton completed 4 expeditions to Antarctica.

The whole crew of the Endurance was saved and some went on Shackleton's next expedition with him.

Shackleton's wife and daughter are buried in Coldwaltham churchyard.

Shackleton famously said, "*Difficulties are just things to overcome, after all.*"

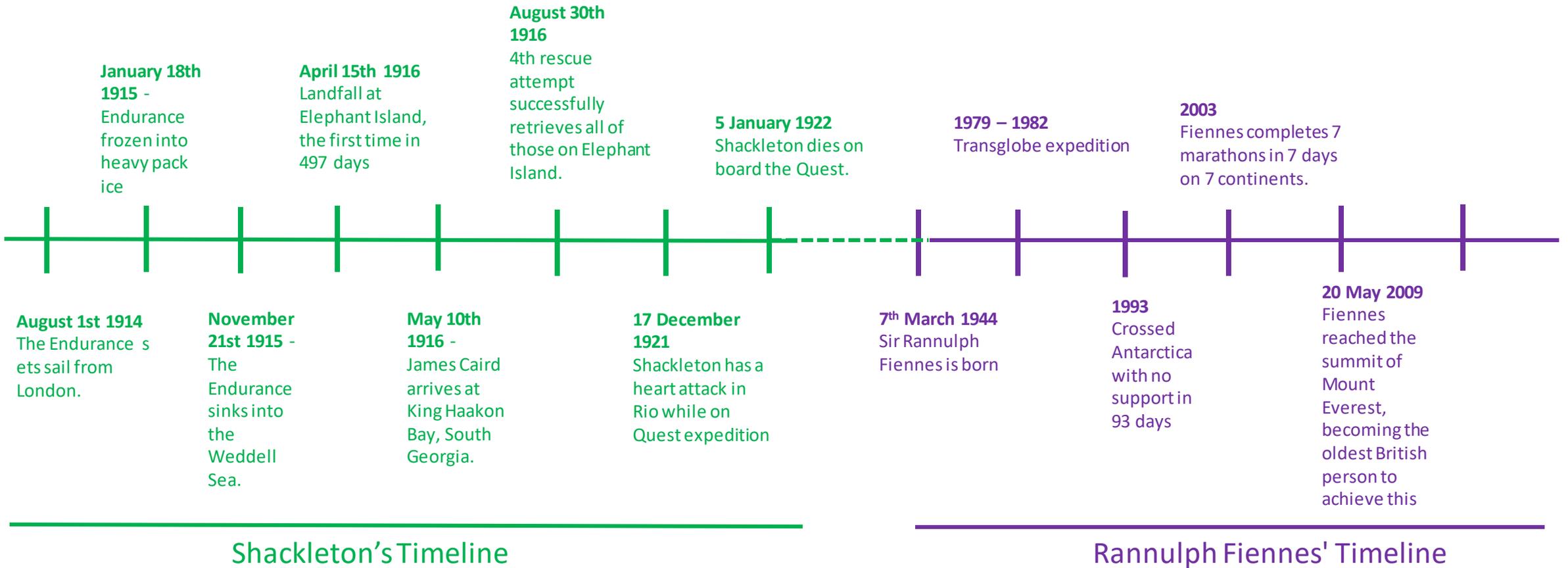
Sir Rannulph Fiennes lived near Petworth.

Sir Rannulph Fiennes had been an explorer and endurance athlete since the 1960s.

Sir Rannulph Fiennes was in the army before he was an explorer.

Sir Rannulph Fiennes and Dr. Mike Stroud were the first men to cross Antarctica on their own – it took 93 days.

Fiennes famously said, "There is no bad weather, only inappropriate clothing."



Tier 2 Vocabulary

achieve	To succeed at doing something.
anticipate	Expecting something will happen.
cooperate	To work together towards the same end.
proceed	To continue with something.
resolve	To find a solution to a problem.