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## Ferdinand Magellan: The Pioneer of Global Exploration

Ferdinand Magellan, a name synonymous with daring exploration, embarked on a historic journey in the early 16th century, changing the course of world history.

Born around 1480 in Portugal, Magellan possessed an



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One of the most significant discoveries of the expedition was the Strait of Magellan, found in November 1520. This narrow passage, nestled at the southern tip of South America, connected the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, offering a shorter route to the Spice Islands. The journey continued across the vast Pacific, where the crew battled scurvy, hunger, and the loss of their leader.

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In April 1521, tragedy struck as Magellan was killed in the Philippines during a skirmish with indigenous people. Despite the loss of their captain, the crew resolved to complete the voyage. Under the leadership of Juan Sebastián Elcano, the expedition pressed on. The remaining ship, the Victoria, returned to Spain in September 1522, marking the successful circumnavigation of the Earth.

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1) Where was Ferdinand Magellan born?

- a) Spain                      b) Portugal                      c) Philippines                      d) Netherlands

2) What was Magellan's primary goal in his expedition?

- a) To find a Northwest Passage to Asia  
b) To explore the coast of Africa

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c) The Panama Canal

d) The Great Barrier Reef

5) Who took command of the expedition after Magellan's death?

- a) Christopher Columbus  
b) Hernán Cortés  
c) Vasco da Gama  
d) Juan Sebastián Elcano

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6) What were some of the hardships and challenges that Magellan and his crew faced during their expedition?

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7) What was the significance of the Strait of Magellan to the expedition?

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10) In what ways is Ferdinand Magellan's expedition remembered in history?

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