

Geography helps us to understand the natural world and how we, as humans, affect it.

Where can learning about geography take you? A famous saying is that “Geography is what geographers do...”

Follow in the footsteps of these famous geographers.

### **Sir Michael Palin**



Michael Palin was born on May 5, 1943 in Ranmoor, Sheffield, Yorkshire, England. He is most famous for his world-renowned travel series' such as 'Around the world in 80 Days' and 'The Himalayas'. He was awarded the CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) in the 2000 Queen's Millennium honours list for his services to television and travel documentaries. His latest service to Geography was his appointment to the President of the Royal Geographic Society in London (2009-2012).

### **Mother Teresa**



Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu on 27 August 1910 in Macedonia. Mother Teresa taught geography at covenant schools in Kolkata, India before she founded the

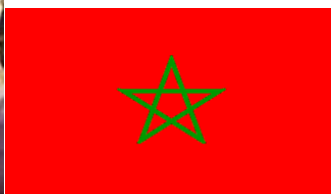
Missionaries of Charity. Most notably she was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and the Nehru Prize for Promotion of International Peace & Understanding. On her death she was given the honour of a state funeral by the Government of India for her services to the poor.

### **Sir David Attenborough**



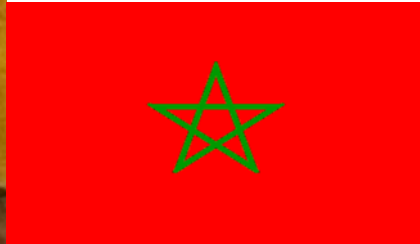
Sir David Attenborough was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1926. He is a renowned naturalist, traveller, explorer and all round environmentalist. He has helped to advocate and raise support for conservation efforts of animals and landscape across the globe. He was awarded a knighthood for his services to conservation.

### **Ibn Battuta**



Ibn Battuta was born in Morocco on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1304. He was a medieval Muslim traveller and scholar, who is widely recognized as one of the greatest travellers of all time. He is known for his extensive travels over a 30 year period through the Islamic Empires.

## Mohammad Al Idrisi



Muhammad Al-Idrisi was born in Morocco in 1101. He was a Muslim geographer, cartographer and Egyptologist who lived in Sicily. His travels influenced many writers and GIS software was named in his honour.

## Tatyana Ustinova



Tatyana Ustinova was born in Alushta on November 14<sup>th</sup> 1913. She was a Soviet geologist who worked on projects in the Ural Mountains and found the Valley of Geysers.

## Ellen MacArthur



Ellen MacArthur was born 8<sup>th</sup> July 1976. On 7 February 2005 she broke the world record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe, a feat that gained her international renown. She studied geography at university and went on to use her skills to explore all the oceans of the world.