Early European Explorers

Vasco Núñez de Balboa

- Mayor of Santa María
- Governor of Veragua
- Conquistador

September 25, 1513
Ferdinand Magellan 1520-21

Umitac, Guam

Abel Janszoon Tasman

On 13th December 1642, the coast of New Zealand came into view...

James Cook 1728-1779

- English Explorer
- 3 Voyages to Pacific
- European discoverer of Hawaiian Is.
- First recorded circumnavigation of New Zealand
Cook’s Voyaging Routes

The south-Pacific routes of Captain James Cook’s voyages. The first voyage is shown in red, second voyage in green, third voyage in blue.

Transit of Venus
Terra Australis
New Zealand

Captain James Cook

“Voyages of Discovery”

Sydney Parkinson
Daniel Carl Solanders
Joseph Banks

William Hodges
George Forster
Captain Cook’s Journals (1784)

- “From what continent they originally emigrated…"
- “...they bear strong marks of affinity to some of the Indian tribes...that inhabit the Caroline Islands..."
- “...no tradition of their own origin..."
- “...the unadulterated state of their general language, and the simplicity which still prevails in their customs and manners, seem to indicate, that it could not have been at any very distant period” (Vol. 3, p. 125).

Dumont d'Urville

- France
- 1790 - 1842
- 2nd April 1824: coastline of New Zealand came into view

Missionaries
Samuel Marsden (1765-1838)

- New Zealand Maoris, "...have sprung from some dispersed Jews, at some period or other... and have by some means got into the island from Asia" (p. 219).

William Ellis (1794–1872)

- "their derivation from the Malayan tribes inhabiting the Asiatic Islands" (p. 49)

Colonial Rule
World War II

- Bikini, Marshall Is.
- Kwajalein Atoll
- Tuamotu