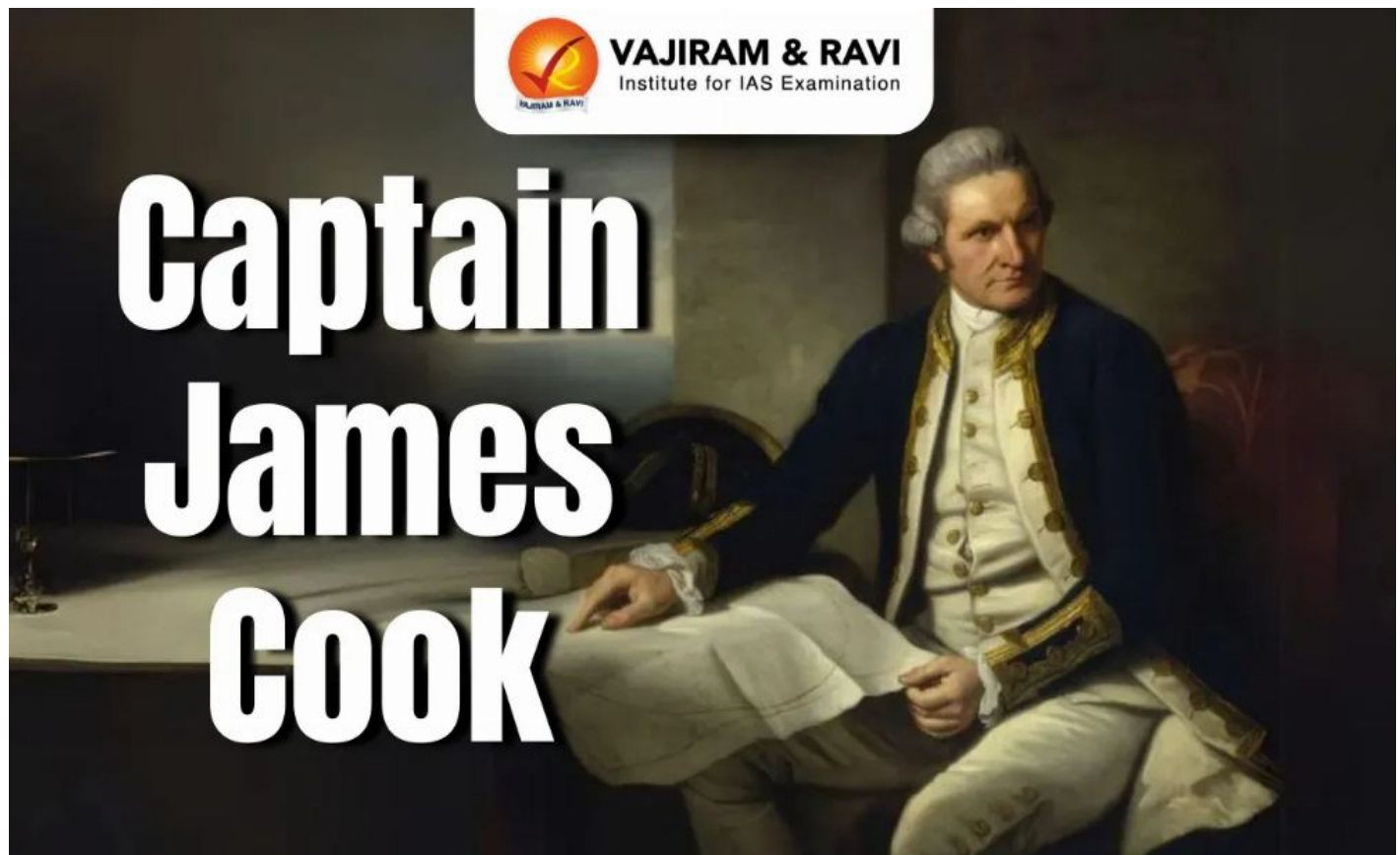


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After 250 years, the long-lost ship of Captain James Cook, HMS Endeavour, has finally been discovered off the coast of Newport Harbour, Rhode Island.

About Captain James Cook

- James Cook (1728-1779) was a **British naval captain, navigator, and explorer.**
- James Cook was born on October 27, 1728, in Marton, Yorkshire, England. At **age 18 he became a sailor on the North Sea.** While ashore, he studied mathematics.
- In 1755 Cook joined the **British Royal Navy.** He was promoted quickly and **took command of a ship at age 29.**
- He **took part in several battles** in what is now Canada **during the French and Indian War.**
- After the war he charted the coast of Newfoundland.
- He **sailed the seaways and coasts of Canada** (1759 and 1763-67) and **conducted three expeditions to the Pacific Ocean** (1768-71, 1772-75, and 1776-79), ranging from the Antarctic ice fields to the Bering

Strait and from the coasts of North America to Australia and New Zealand.

- In 1766 he **wrote a paper about an eclipse of the Sun** that won him fame as a **scientific observer**.
- **Three Voyages of Discovery:**
 - **The First Voyage:**
 - **In 1768** the Royal Society of London, an organization of scientists, asked Cook to lead the **first scientific expedition to the Pacific Ocean**.
 - Cook's expedition **charted New Zealand**. It **also reached the southeastern coast of Australia** in 1770.
 - **Cook named the continent New South Wales** and **claimed it for Great Britain**. He **returned to England the following year**.
 - **The Second Voyage:**
 - Between **1772 and 1775**, Cook **went around the world from west to east**, seeking to discover another southern continent.
 - Cook **did not reach Antarctica**, but he did **become the first European to cross the Antarctic Circle**. He also discovered and **mapped many island groups**.
 - **The Third Voyage:**
 - In **1776** Cook set out in **search of a Northwest Passage from the Pacific to the Atlantic** across the top of North America.
 - He **did not succeed**, but he did **become the first European to visit the Hawaiian Islands**.
 - **Revisiting the islands** on his way back from the Arctic, Cook was **killed by Hawaiians**. He died on February 14, **1779**.

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