

Captain Cook's Voyages — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- British navigator James Cook mapped New Zealand's coast in 1769–70.
- His maps were remarkably accurate for the time.
- Māori had already lived in Aotearoa for centuries.
- Cook's voyages opened the way for more Europeans to come.

Key vocabulary

- Navigator — a person who plans a ship's course.
- Chart — a detailed map, often of the sea.
- Encounter — a meeting, especially a first one.
- Perspective — a point of view.

Skilled mapping

Cook's careful charts of New Zealand were a major achievement of navigation and science.

More than one view

For Europeans, Cook 'discovered' new lands; for Māori, who were already there, his arrival began great change.