

Nansen's Attempt to Reach the North Pole

- A Race to the Poles (turn of the century equiv. of the space race between Russia and the U.S. in ~ 1960's)/Foolhardy/Doubters
- The Strategy – Drift in ice toward North Pole with Arctic Current (Henrik Mohn; Debris of the *Jeannette*) –funds from gov't. and pvt. sector (i.e., Cadbury chocolate!)
- The techniques – The *Fram* and crew keys
- Use of sledge dogs (Kvik, the lead!)
- Preparations vital – planned for 4-5 year expedition (critics expected failure)
- *Fram* departed Christiania June 24, 1893
- *Nansen* returned August 13, 1896 and *Fram* returned October 26, 1896, ~3yrs later

