

The Quest to Navigate the North-West Passage



- * N-W Passage: Arctic sea route linking North Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
- * Desire to find trade route from Europe to Asia. Pack ice problem.
- * Quest led to exploration of northern coasts of North America.
- * John Cabot (1497), James Cook (1776), John Ross (1818), and others 1820's.
- * Sir John Franklin's (1845) disastrous expedition – 11 yrs of searches w/ Inuits.