Explorers

Explorers are men and women who have the courage to test existing boundaries. Explorers are men and women who aspoire for something more out of life than what currently exists. Explorers are men and women who are willing to chart the unknown at a cost to their own comfort and secrurity. It can be argued that explorers possess the ten characteristics of the achieving personality type:

Focus

Preparedness

Conviction

Perseverance

Creativity

Curiosity

Resilience

Risk taking

Independence

A snse of higher purpose

Background of Explorers

Explorers come from all walks of life. Marco Polo was a merchant; Robert Louis Stevenson was a novelist; Mary Kingsley was a well-born Englishwoman. Noted exploreres include conquistadors, lawyers, naturlatists, priests, and surgeons. No station in life in immune from the “fever.”

The itch, the fever, the urge, whatever one chooses to call it, is recurrent, if not constant. Once they have gone off, they go again and again. . . Often the fever manifests itself in childhood . . . and sometimes it stops only with death, violent death.

There are many examples of individuals who had the “fever.” One eample is Christopher Columbus.

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Christopher Columbus is recongnized as one of the earliest noteworthy explorers. On his first voyage Columbus landed in the Bahamas, then Cuba, and Haiti (1492-93). At the time of his explorations, “No other sailor has the persistence, the knowledge and the sheer guts to sail thousands of miles into the unknown ocean until he found land. Columbus’s explorations whittles away at the unknown.

Everyone Explores

Not everyone will have the urge to explore as these noted explorers did, but everyone has a little bit of an exploring nature. It may not be the urge to explore for glory or discovery; it may simply be an urge to travel to an area that the individual has not yet visited. The urge may be in theform of exploring a book, museum, or website to expand one’s knowledge. Or it may be exploring educational and career options. Regardless of the type of exploration done all explorers are changed by their explorations. Their horizons become much broader.