

Welcome to Year 4 Topic

The lesson will begin shortly



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Explorers

Throughout history, humans have explored unknown places.





Jacques Cousteau (pronounced Jack - with a soft 'j' - Coos-toh)
was a famous explorer of the seas.

He was born on 11th June 1910 in France. Jacques learnt to swim when he was aged four and loved the water. In 1930, Jacques joined the French Navy. While training to be a pilot, Jacques was in a serious car crash. He suffered broken bones all over his body. His injuries meant he was no longer able to become a pilot.

Jacques continued to serve in the navy. One day in 1936, he was swimming in the sea while wearing goggles. This moment sparked a life-long love of diving and ocean exploration.



During the Second World War, France was invaded by Germany. France was split into two areas, the Occupied Zone, ruled directly by Germany and the Free Zone, ruled by French people who supported Nazi ideals. The Free Zone was also known as Vichy France.

Jacques continued to serve in the French Navy during the war. He also joined the French Resistance. This was a group of people who fought against the Nazis and the leaders of Vichy France. Jacques spied on troop movements which helped the Allies fight the war. For his work, Jacques was awarded the Legion d'Honneur, France's highest military award.

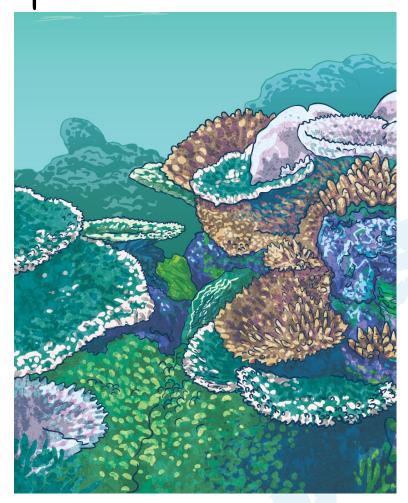
After the war, Jacques helped clear seas of underwater mines left from the war.





As Jacques continued to develop his love of underwater exploration, he liked the thought of being able to share his discoveries with other people. In 1943, he made the first French underwater film called '18 Metres Deep'. It was filmed by putting a camera in a special case that was deep water pressure-proof. Jacques made the film without using breathing equipment.

Jacques knew that to explore further and create more films, he would need to find a way to dive deeper and stay underwater for longer.





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Before this invention, if people wanted to go deep sea diving, they had to wear a diving suit that was connected by a hose to a tank either on land or on a boat. The aqualung enabled divers to explore waters deeper than ever before.



Jacques worked with his friends Philippe Tailliez and Frédéric Dumas, carrying out underwater experiments. They became known as Mousquemers (French for 'the musketeers of the sea').

Talk About It

Do you or anyone you know have a nickname? Why was the nickname chosen? Who invented it?

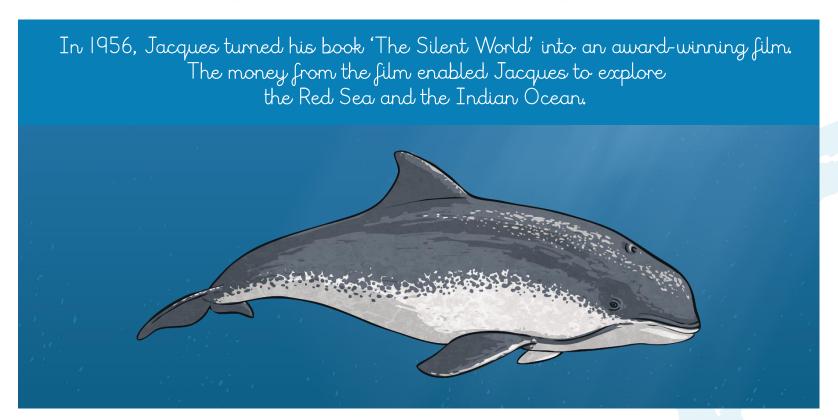


In 1947, Jacques set a world record when he dived 300 feet below sea level.

Jacques filmed his underwater exploration of the Mahdia shipureck off the coast of Tunisia. The vessel was wrecked in around the year 80 BC. In 1953, Jacques wrote a book called 'The Silent World' about his adventures. Underwater archaeology became more popular thanks to Jacques' work.



In 1950, Jacques started sailing a ship called the Calypso. The Calypso had special scientific and diving equipment.





In 1968, Jacques started his own television show called 'The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau'.

The show was incredibly popular, with millions of people watching Jacques and his crew exploring the world's oceans and learning more about underwater living things.



As Jacques explored more, he began to realise how human activity was destroying oceans. In 1973, Jacques and two of his sons started The Cousteau Foundation which aimed to raise awareness of the importance of looking after our oceans. Jacques continued to write books and make films about marine life.

Jacques died on 25th June 1997. He was 87 years old.



Jacques predicted that humans would one day be able to live underwater. He said "Everything that has been done on the surface will sooner or later be done underwater. It will be the conquest of a whole new world."

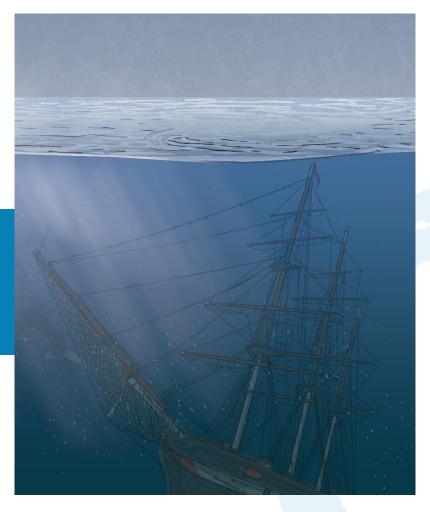
Talk About It

Do you think Jacques' prediction is right?

Why or why not?

Would you like to live under the sea?

Why or why not?





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