



**DULWICH COLLEGE**  
FOUNDED 1619



# Shackleton and the *James Caird*

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Workbook

# Questions

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1. Where did Ernest Shackleton go to school?

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2. How close was Shackleton to reaching the South Pole during the Nimrod Expedition?

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3. What reasons did Shackleton give for not being able to reach the South Pole?

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4. Who was "Socks"?

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5. Who was the first person to reach the South Pole?

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6. Which war broke out as Shackleton was about to leave on the Endurance Expedition?

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7. What one word did Winston Churchill send to Shackleton?

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8. What sport did you see the crew members playing on the ice?

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9. Which company designed the expedition's special clothing?

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10. How many dogs were taken on the Endurance Expedition?

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11. What was the name of the island that they reached first?

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12. How many men were left on Elephant Island?

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13. How many men went in the *James Caird* to find help?

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14. Who was the carpenter that strengthened the *James Caird*?

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15. Where did the *James Caird* sail to find help?

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16. How long did the rest of the crew have to wait on Elephant Island?

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17. Shackleton set out for Antarctica on 4 different expeditions. Can you name 2 of these?

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18. When did Shackleton die?

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19. Where is the *James Caird* now?

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20. Which animals did you see pictures of?

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B. What do you think were the biggest dangers facing polar explorers in that period?

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C. List the equipment and supplies that Shackleton took with him on his various expeditions, and rank them in order of importance. **Explain your decisions.**

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# Antarctica Map

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Use the list below to label the red dots on the map.



# Your Drawing

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“Draw the *James Caird* or your own picture inspired by Shackleton’s story”

