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LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Assess the complex history of exploration in the enlightenment era by exploring the historical record.
- Apply skills of critical and historical enquiry to compare different primary sources.
- Identify outcomes of the voyages of James Cook with particular reference to the process of colonisation in the Pacific.
- Engage with, and reflect on, ideas about memorialisation and the display of objects in our museums and public spaces.
- Debate and discuss the key theme of memoralisation in public spaces through the lens of James Cook.

SYLLABUS

- Week 1 Introduction to the voyages and the problematic legacies of Captain James Cook and how these are viewed in the Pacific and beyond.
- Week 2 How do we use critical and historical enquiry skills to examine and question the historical record of Captain Cook and the impacts of these voyages?

- Week 3 How Cook's death lead to a turning point in Britain's policy and an examination of colonialisation in the Pacific and Australia.
- Week 4 The complexities around memorialisation in the 21st century through the legacy of Captain James Cook.
- Week 5 The broader discussions around memorialisation in public spaces.

