



## Unit 1 Review: Geography

### Robert E. Peary Reaches the North Pole

Explorer Robert E. Peary led many trips to the Arctic. The first was in 1891 when Peary explored northern Greenland and proved that it is an island. In 1898 he set out to find the North Pole. On that trip, Peary came within 390 miles of the pole, but hardships forced him to turn back.

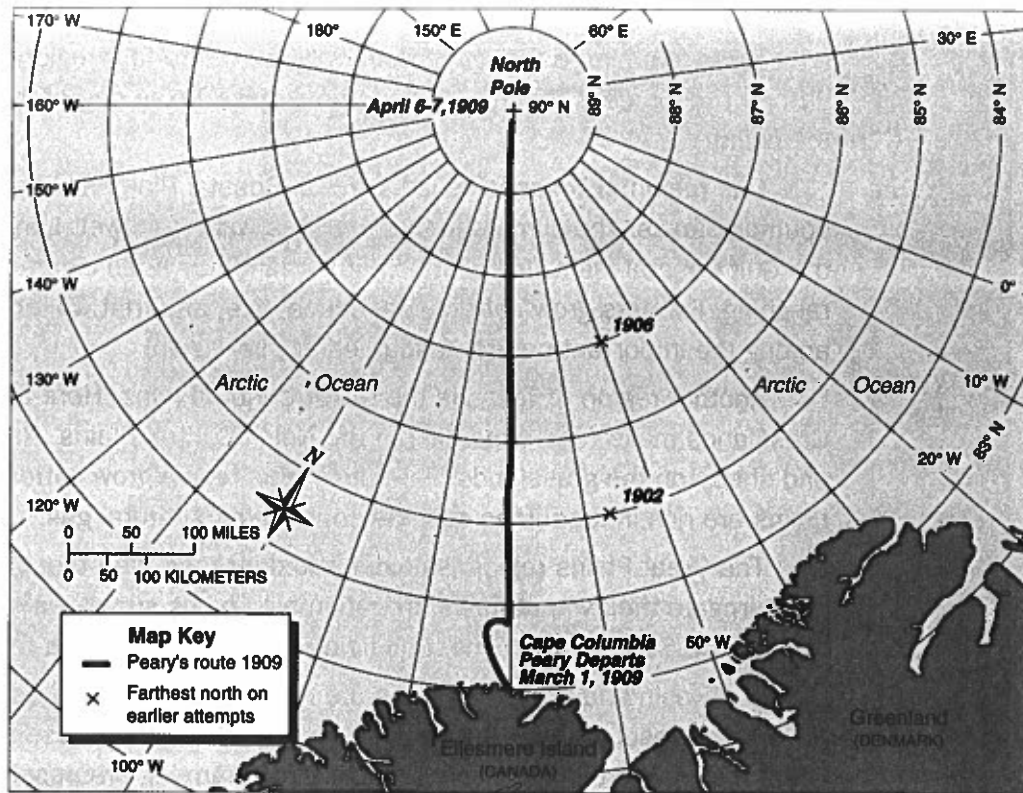
In 1902 and from 1905 to 1906, Peary tried twice more to reach the pole. On the 1905–1906 trip, he came within 200 miles. This time, ice storms forced him to go home. However, Peary refused to give up. In 1908 he organized a fourth expedition, which included his assistant Matthew Henson and four Inuit. Finally, Peary succeeded. On April 6, 1909, his group reached the North Pole. They had traveled as far north as anyone can go on Earth.

For many years, some scientists thought that Peary had figured his location incorrectly and had not really reached the North Pole. In 1989 a group of explorers carefully studied Peary's notes and his log of compass readings. These proved Peary and his group were the first to reach the North Pole.

Circle the number of the best answer.

- ① What is the main idea of this article?
  - (1) Robert E. Peary was the only person ever to reach the North Pole.
  - (2) Peary was the first person to prove that Greenland is an island.
  - (3) Peary and his group were the first people to reach the North Pole.
  - (4) Peary tried to reach the North Pole over almost a dozen years.
  - (5) Some people doubted that Peary had reached the North Pole.
  
- ② Study the map on page 41 and reread the article. Based on the map and passage, which of the following conclusions might you draw about why Peary succeeded in 1909?
  - (1) Peary followed the same route each time and eventually made it.
  - (2) Peary followed a northerly route from the land that lay closest to the pole.
  - (3) In 1909 Peary started in Canada rather than in Greenland.
  - (4) Peary figured he could double his 1906 distance in 1909.
  - (5) Peary followed a northerly route along the 70° W line of longitude.

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Write or circle the answer to each question.

- 3 Where did the ocean-going part of Robert E. Peary's final trip to the North Pole begin?  
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- 4 What latitude did Peary reach on his trip in 1902? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 What latitude did Peary reach on his trip in 1906? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Which of the following was the most important of Peary's activities in locating the North Pole?
  - (1) checking the depth of the Arctic Ocean
  - (2) figuring the latitude of his current location
  - (3) recording weather conditions
  - (4) calculating his distance from Greenland
  - (5) tracking his speed of travel