



## Fram Motivation

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### Setting the Stage

The Fram expedition (1893-1896) was the first attempt to reach the North Pole by freezing a ship in sea ice and drifting with ocean currents. While the crew was unsuccessful in their goal of reaching the North Pole, their persistence, imagination, and creativity as scientists and explorers helped them safely navigate the Arctic as they returned to Norway after three years aboard the Fram, having gathered more information about the polar region than anyone before them. In this lesson, students experience the Fram expedition through a VR Google Expedition and learn why science truly is a “human endeavor”.

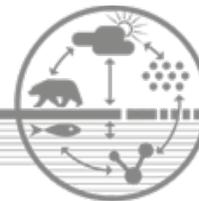


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### Lesson Overview

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- *Part 1 – (10 minutes) Introduction to the Fram expedition*  
Watch a short video to learn about the Fram expedition
- *Part 2 – (35 minutes) Fram Google Expedition*  
Learn about the science, engineering, and daily life aboard the *Fram* in this virtual reality tour.
- *Part 3 – (15 minutes) Exit Ticket/Update Summary Table*  
Students reflect on their learning by completing an exit ticket and updating the whole class summary table.



Instructional Overview	
<b>Grade Level</b>	Middle/High School
<b>Instructional Time</b>	60 minutes
<b>Standards Alignment</b>	NGSS: <a href="#">Science is a Human Endeavor</a> : Scientists and engineers rely on human qualities such as persistence, precision, reasoning, logic, imagination and creativity
<b>Unit Driving Question</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How have scientific questions, methods, technologies, and our knowledge of the Arctic changed over time?</li> </ul>
<b>Driving Question For This Lesson</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What was the motivation for the Fram expedition?</li> <li>What human qualities did crewmembers display during the expedition?</li> </ul>
<b>Learning Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify human qualities that helped the Fram expedition successfully navigate the Arctic</li> </ul>
<b>Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Fram Motivation PPT</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Fram Motivation student worksheet</a> (1 per student)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Exit Ticket Rubric</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Answer Key</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Fram Expedition video</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Computer/ipad (1 per student)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">"Explore the Arctic Aboard the Fram" Google Expedition</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Summary Table - <i>if using entire unit</i> (butcher paper or <a href="#">digital copy</a>, 1 per class)</li> </ul> <p>Optional Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Follow <a href="#">these instructions</a> to view the "Explore the Arctic Aboard the Fram" Google Expedition with Iphone/Android phones + Google Cardboard glasses.</li> </ul>
<b>Material Preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cue and test web links</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Print student worksheets</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review speaker notes from the <a href="#">Fram Motivation PPT</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create and display a whole-class summary table - <i>if using entire unit</i> (butcher paper or <a href="#">digital copy</a>, 1 per class)</li> </ul>
<b>Vocabulary</b>	<p><u>Celestial Navigation</u> - the use of angular measurements between celestial bodies (e.g. sun, moon) and the visible horizon to determine your location.</p> <p><u>Sextant</u> - Instrument used to measure the angle between celestial bodies (sun, moon) and the visible horizon.</p> <p><u>Dredging</u> - digging/excavating material (mud, weeds, rubbish) from the bottom of a water environment.</p>



**Part 1 - Fram Expedition video (10 minutes)**

Driving Question(s):

- What was the motivation behind the Fram expedition?
- What human qualities did crewmembers display/possess that enabled the Fram expedition to be successful?

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Refer to Part 1 slides included in the [Fram Motivation PPT](#). See PPT presenter notes for additional information.

1. Introduce and watch [“Fram Expedition” video](#)
  - a. Students answer questions during the video.
  - b. Review video questions as a whole class
    - i. Refer to PPT slides #4-5, that show old maps of the Arctic, when reviewing question 2.

**Part 2 - Fram Google Expedition (35 minutes)**

Driving Question(s):

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Refer to Part 2 slides included in the [Fram Motivation PPT](#). See PPT presenter notes for additional information.

1. Students use the [“Explore the Arctic Aboard the Fram” Google Expedition](#) to learn more about the Fram expedition. Students answer Part 2 questions on their Fram Motivation student worksheet as they move through each of the 8 scenes and review each point of interest (white icon).
2. Review questions as a whole class highlighting times when crewmembers displayed human qualities persistence, precision, imagination, creativity, logic, reasoning (which will come up again in “Part 3 - Exit Ticket”).

Optional Extension: When reviewing question #6, [play this audio](#) recording (from 1:05-1:35) taken from the cabin of the Russian ship, *Fedorov* (resupply vessel).



## Part 3 - Exit Ticket/Update Summary Table (15 minutes)

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Refer to Part 3 slides included in the [Fram Motivation PPT](#). See PPT presenter notes for additional information.

1. Exit Ticket - Students provide a short explanation and create an annotated sketch that describes the six human qualities displayed by crewmembers that enabled the Fram expedition to be successful.
  - a. Project and describe the [Exit Ticket Rubric](#) to the class before they begin the assessment as this is what you will use to grade their exit tickets.
2. Update Summary Table (**if using entire unit**) - Gather student ideas to update the Fram's Motivation, Navigation, and Investigation boxes in the summary table (see [Answer Key](#)).