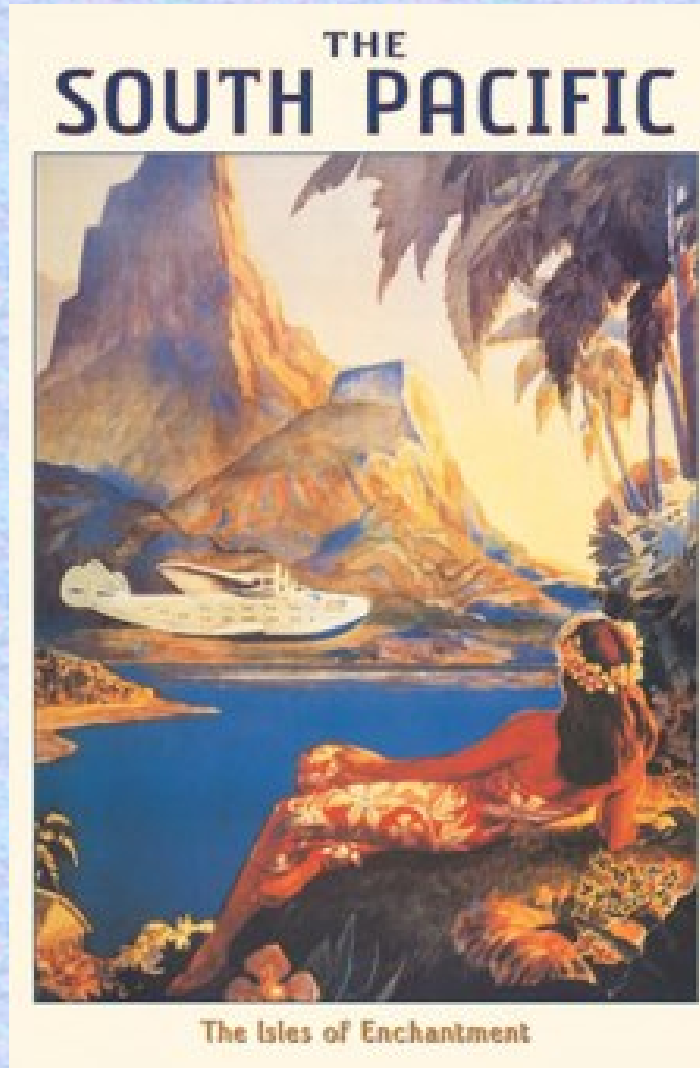


Captain James Cook and the Opening of the Pacific 1760-1800



Themes

- Introduction: Cook's voyages
- Europeans and the Pacific
- Politics, Discovery and Science
- Cook's voyages and cultural contact
- Cultural misreadings and the construction of knowledge

Introduction

Who was Captain
James Cook?



Introduction: The voyages

1768-71
1772-75
1776-80



Key to Cook's voyages:

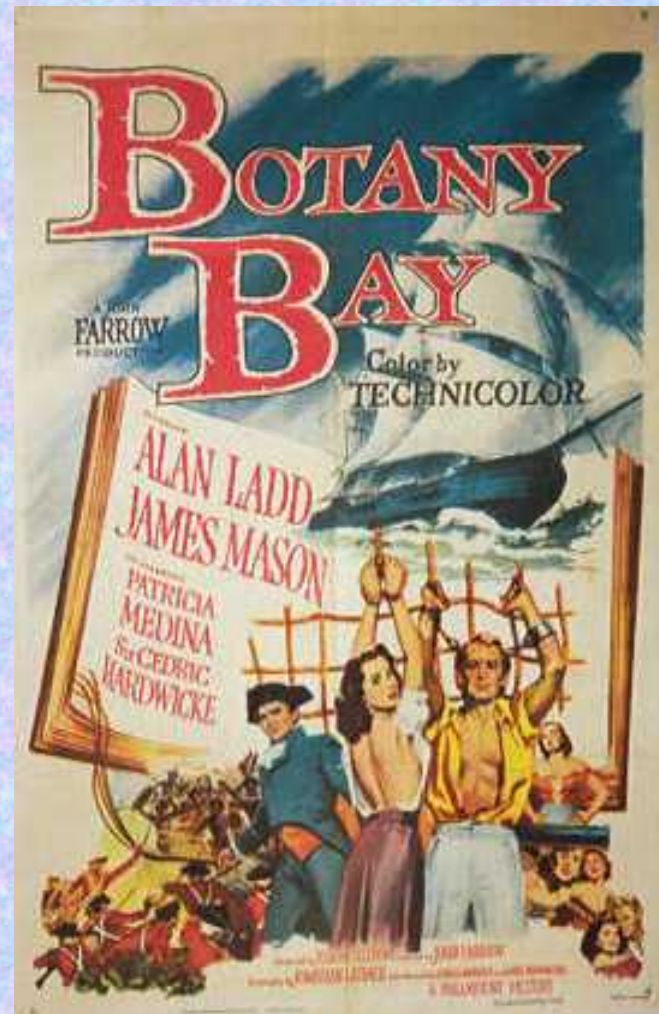
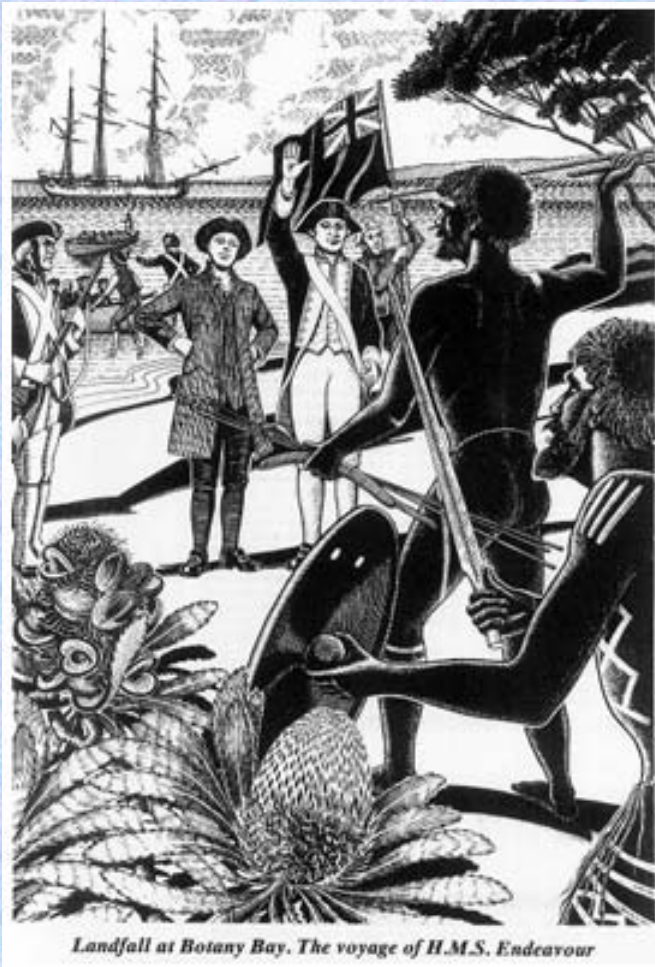
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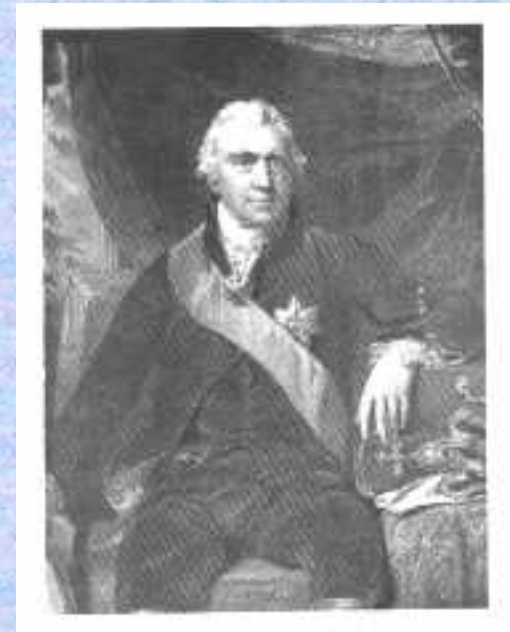
- Voyages and the collection of Knowledge
- Geographical knowledge
- Scientific knowledge
- Cultural knowledge

Europeans and the Pacific

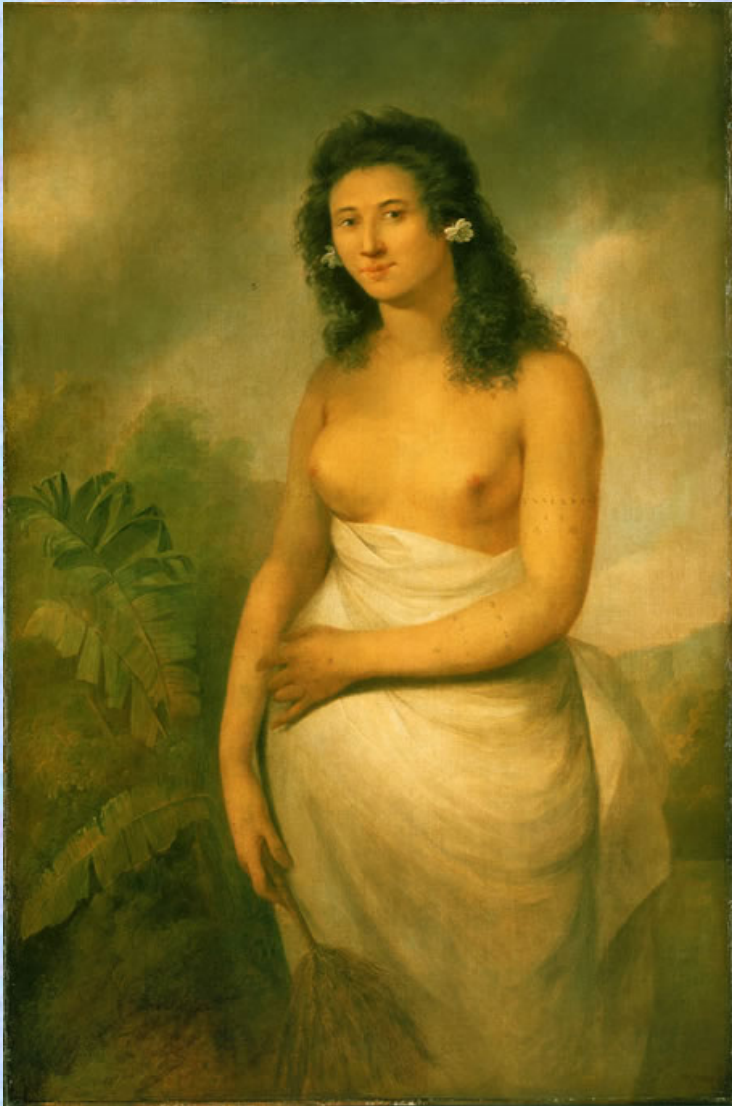


Politics, Discovery and Science

- Political objectives
- Scientific objectives
 - Joseph Banks
- Discovery
 - Of geography
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Cook's Voyages and Cultural Contact

- Intent of the contact between Cook and native peoples
- Reality of the contact
- The case of sexual contact

Cultural Misreadings

- How were they to understand each other?
- No common language
- The class of cultures, eg. Cannibalism
- The best example of cultural misunderstanding:

The Death of Captain Cook, 14 February 1779



Creation of Knowledge about South Pacific

- Cultural knowledge was perhaps the most important kind of knowledge that Cook brought back
- What kind of knowledge was it though?
 - A paradise?
 - A home of savagry?
 - In need of civilising?