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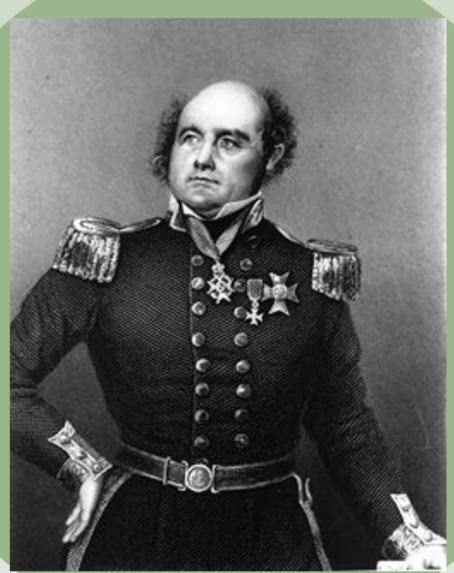
## Northwest Passage

- The Northwest Passage is a transportation route which explorers used to find a path between Europe and Asia.
  - Sailors faced many obstacles which included icebergs, blizzards, and bitter cold temperatures.
- Explorers such as Martin Frobisher, John Davis, and more all attempted voyages but fell short.



## Sir John Franklin

- Naval officer and Arctic explorer
- Franklin was the explorer who mapped out the most of Canada.
  - April 16, 1786----June 11, 1847.



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## The Franklin Expedition

- Franklin and his crew set out on May 19, 1845.
- The ships they traveled on were called HMS Erebus and HMS Terror.
  - The living conditions on the ship were unbearable.
- Franklin was last seen in Baffin Bay before his disappearance.
  - The weather conditions were too extreme so they were forced to stop near King William Island.
    - Franklin along with all his crew members eventually died.
      - Search parties set out to retrieve Franklin and the crew but, none were successful.

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**HMS Terror** 



HMS Erebus
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## The Discovery

- A coast guard ship discovered the wreck.
- A remote control was used to confirm the searches.
  - The team has not yet confirmed what ship was found
  - Archeologists uncovered artifacts from the ship a day earlier.
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