

## High One - Unit One - Summary

Fifty years ago, Thor Heyerdahl, a Norwegian explorer, expedition appeared to prove that ancient humans could have sailed across the oceans. In fact, he claimed that Columbus was not the first explorer who discovered America!

To prove his theory, Heyerdahl and a small team went to North Africa, where they used primary materials to construct a boat called Ra. Ra was inspired by old Egyptian ships. The original Ra took on water but, it smashed in the midway, but everyone survived. Trying for the second time, their team built a new boat called Ra II. Ra II successfully crossed the Atlantic Ocean, covering the 4,000 miles to Barbados in just 57 days, showing that pre-historic peoples could have traveled from North Africa to America!

- 1- Is Heyerdahl's theory accepted nowadays?
- 2- Why did Heyerdahl try to travel to America by a simple boat?
- 3- Why did their expedition continue even after their failure for the first time?
- 4- How was the Ra built?
- 5- Did Heyerdahl voyage alone? Why?
- 6- Why is it so important to know who discovered America for the first time?
- 7- Why did they store some dried fish instead of fresh ones?
- 8- Do you have any idea why Heyerdahl chose his team from various nations?
- 9- Did it take too long to build the Ra II? Why?
- 10- How did the United Nations help the Heyerdahl's second expedition to America?

