

## Process Paper

I began my National History Day journey by brainstorming topic ideas. Since the theme for the year was Frontiers in History, I immediately thought of polar exploration. The poles are the extremes of the Earth, with cold temperatures making them difficult to reach— a perfect frontier. I had also visited the Fram museum in Oslo in the past, finding it fascinating. After choosing my topic, I searched online for one individual mission to focus my research on, since it would be nearly impossible to do an NHD project on all of them. I decided on Sir Ernest Shackleton, finding it admirable how he managed to return from peril with all of his crew members alive.

I started my research by looking at websites to get a general idea of my topic. Then, I looked for books that would be of assistance to my research. I found the book *South*, Shackleton's own account of the Endurance expedition. Then I found more books such as *Shackleton: Antarctic Odyssey*, *Shackleton: an Irishman in Antarctica*, *Shackleton's Stowaway*, *Shackleton's Boat Journey*, and *Endurance: An Epic of Polar Adventure*. I used these all to compile information which I then converted into paragraphs. I was getting closer to the deadline with a couple paragraphs still incomplete. I started working on my website, adding the pages and colors. Then I focused on the home page and adding the auto-nav bar to every page. With only a few days to spare, I finished my paragraphs and reached the word limit, before editing. I got my images and completed the process of uploading them to the website, along with adding my paragraphs. I ended my process by uploading my bibliography and making the website look nice, finally uploading my process paper.