

# Alexander Mackenzie (1764-1820)

**A. Mackenzie was born at Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland in 1764.**



On June 3, 1789 Mackenzie began his great journey



They set off from a village on Lake Athabasca

In the morning on June 25, they left the lake and came to the unexplored river – the river now is known as the Mackenzie



He had discovered  
and explored more  
than **2.500**  
**miles** long

He returned to  
England in the fall of  
**1791** for further  
schooling in  
astronomy and  
cartography

He brought back  
valuable  
information about  
a vast area of the  
country he  
explored

A. Mackenzie decided to start his second expedition from the same point on the Peace River where he had ended his first one

He started his exploration on May 9, 1793.

By July 4, the party reached place of destination and they continued their journey overland

In his **FIRST** expedition he had explored a river and found a route to the Arctic; in his **SECOND** expedition he had broken through the Rockies and opened a way to the Pacific as well!

**A. Mackenzie died in Britain  
in 1820 of Brigit's disease.**

