

# Francis Drake and the Americas – How significant was Drake's circumnavigation?

Background information – Watch the three videos hosted on the resource page on the museum website. You can find them here <https://www.rmg.co.uk/schools-communities/teacher-resources/drakes-circumnavigation-gcse-resources>

## Video one: Drake's Background:

### Introduction to Drake

Where did Drake come from and how wealthy was his family?

Why might this be a source of tension with wealthy and powerful people later in his life?

### Drake and the Hawkins family

Who were the Hawkins family and what was Drake's connection to them?

What brutal maritime activity was John Hawkins engaged in and what was Drake's role in this?

Who donated a ship to support these activities? Why might this be significant?

### San Juan de Ulúa and trips to South America

What happened at San Juan de Ulúa in 1568? How did this change the relationship between Drake and the Spanish?

What was the purpose of Drake's voyages after this?

Who was Diego and why was he significant?

**Key Question – What do you think the most significant incident in Drake's early life and career at sea?**

## Video two: Planning the voyage to South America

### Planning the Voyage:

What was the original plan?

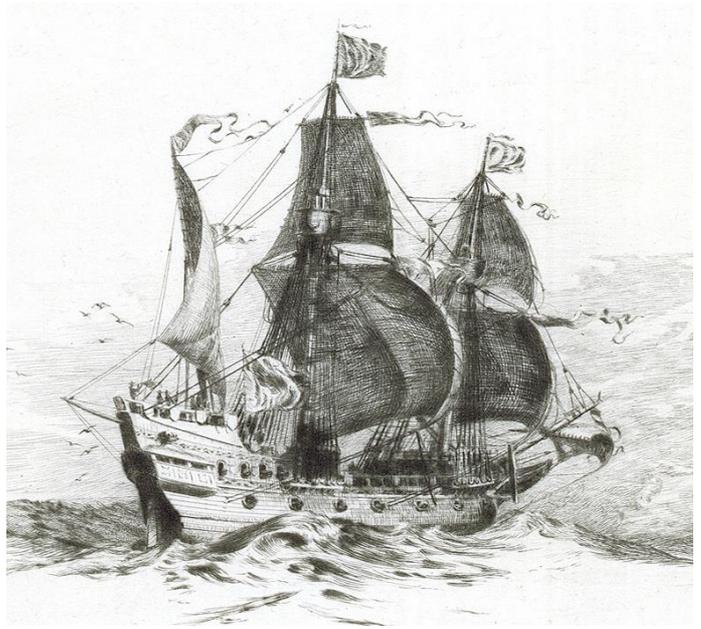
Which people supported Drake?

Why were people worried about potential problems the planned voyage could cause with Spain?

### The Fleet

What ships did Drake take with him?

Where did the name *Golden Hind* come from?



**Key Question – What was Drake's original plan and why was this dangerous for him and his backers in England?**

### Video three: The Journey

#### What happened during the voyage?

Watch the third video 'the voyage' and create a timeline below. Any events you think are important or significant highlight with a star or a different coloured pen.

**Key Question – How significant was the voyage? Look back at the events you highlighted. What do they suggest about why this might be seen as a significant voyage both at the time and by historians?**