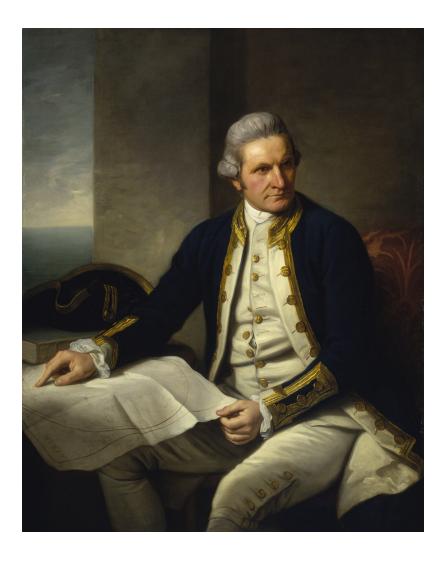
# **BOARD OF LONGITUDE Explorers**



## Captain James Cook (1728-79)

**Date made** 1775-76

Object ref. BHC2628

### **Description**

A portrait of Captain Cook, painted after his second Pacific voyage. Cook led three voyages of exploration to the Pacific and charted a great part of it. In this portrait he is wearing captain's full-dress uniform. He holds his own chart of the Southern Ocean on the table and his right hand points to the east coast of Australia on it.

#### Credit

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### Questions

- 1. Describe Captain Cook in this painting.
- 2. What do you think the piece of paper he's pointing to might be?
- 3. How can you tell that Captain Cook is important?





