



## Omai

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1777

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### Description

This is a portrait of Omai. Omai was from the Society Islands and sailed from Tahiti – the largest island in the eastern part of the group – to Britain on HMS *Adventure* in 1773. He did not speak any English when he left Tahiti, but learnt from the crew during the journey. He was the first person from Tahiti to voyage all the way to Britain. He stayed in the country for two years

### Questions

1. Describe Omai.
2. What can you know for definite about Omai from this portrait?
3. What can you guess about Omai from this portrait?