The Northwest Passage

The Northwest Passage constitutes a shipping route via the Arctic Ocean, hence offering sailors an expeditious means of navigating from the Atlantic Ocean through to the Pacific Ocean. For around four hundred years (since the time of Columbus, whose ill-fated attempt was sealed upon meeting the landmass of America), the Northwest Passage amounted to little more than a theoretical possibility. The treacherous waters of the Canadian Archipelago brought about countless calamitous missions in the intervening period until, finally, it was successfully navigated in 1906 by the intrepid Norwegian explorer, Roald Amundsen.

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