

Thor Heyerdahl

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- 03:15 This is Thor Heyerdahl. A Norwegian explorer and adventurer who travelled the oceans.
- 03:27 When Thor was a little boy, he dreamed of travelling the seven seas.
- 03:37 He was very curious – and a little different.
He didn't play football, but enjoyed collecting sea stars and sea urchins and other treasures he found in the sea.
Soon he could open his own museum at home.
- 04:01 As a young man he studied the world around him. And one day he decided to go exploring the world.
- 04:11 First Thor – and his wife Liv, went to a beautiful little island in the Pacific Ocean.
He began to wonder how the first people could have come to this island.
- 04:26 He thought perhaps indians from South America could have crosses the great Pacific Ocean on rafts – and this theory he had to test.
- 04:40 So he built the Kon-tiki raft – and together with five mates and the parrot Lorita – they planned to sail from South America to the Pacific islands.
- 04:52 And Thor filmed the entire trip.
- 04:59 It was a very dangerous journey.
- 05:03 The waves were enormous – but the raft handled well.
- 05:08 Since the ocean was full of sharks – they had to build a basket under the raft in order to bathe safely – and from the basket they could study the fantastic life under the raft.
- 05:30 After 101 days they finally reached land – and Thor had proven his theory to be possible.
- 05:38 Later he built a new raft, the Ra 2 out of reeds – to prove that this raft also could travel far.
- 05:46 And Tigris, a boat that looked like Noah's Ark. But when they sailed past countries that were at war with each other – Thor burned the boat to tell the world that war is stupid.

06:03 But Thor didn't just build boats. He excavated pyramids and enormous, mysterious stone-statues on Easter Island – and many other things,

He taught us a lot about why the world is the way it is.

06:16 Today Thor is world famous – he even has his own museum.

06:25 So remember that a little boy who's a little different - can turn into a world famous explorer.