

## Underwater Explorer

Jacques Cousteau was born in France in 1910. As a kid, he liked swimming and filmmaking. These early interests led to an exciting career bringing the oceans to life for millions of people.

When he was in his 20s, Jacques broke both of his arms in a car accident. He started swimming every day to make them strong again. He figured out that if he swam with goggles he could see more under the water. This discovery led to a new interest in undersea exploration.

When Jacques started exploring, the only way to dive was to be attached to an air hose that stayed above the water. He worked with an engineer to create the first scuba diving device. It was called the Aqua-Lung. This invention allowed divers to move around freely and venture deeper below the surface of the ocean. Jacques also invented a small submarine to explore the seafloor and several cameras that could be used underwater.

While serving in the French Navy in World War II, Jacques started the Undersea Research Group. After the war, he became the captain of a research ship called the Calypso. Jacques and his crew took many research expeditions to explore the world's oceans.

Eventually Jacques published a book about his adventures. It was later made into a movie. He also starred in a number of television shows that



educated viewers about undersea life. By watching his famous show, people could travel deep into the oceans from their living room couches.

Jacques died in 1997. But his legacy lives on through the Cousteau Society. The organization raises money to take care of the oceans for future generations to enjoy and protect.



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3. Why do you think Jacques wanted to invent the Aqua-Lung?
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  - b. Because he wanted to go deeper and farther under the ocean
  - c. Because he wanted to take pictures under the ocean
  - d. Because he liked to swim
  
4. How did Jacques "bring the ocean to life for millions of people"?
  - a. By filming his adventures for television
  - b. By inventing the Aqua-Lung
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Instructions for teachers:

These questions can be used to assess understanding of the reading passage.

The item in bold is the correct answer for each question.

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