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1841-1904

Welsh-born American considered among the greatest explorers of Africa. Having served on both sides in the American Civil War, Stanley got his start in journalism as a war correspondent. He led several major expeditions into Central Africa, during which he explored the entire length of the Congo River, circumnavigated Lake Victoria, and collected significant topographic information while searching for the source of the Nile River. His encounter with Scottish explorer David Livingstone, whom Stanley had been dispatched to locate in Tanzania, is immortalized in the famous greeting—"Dr. Livingstone, I presume?" Stanley also coined the phrase "Darkest Africa."