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## Fram Motivation

### Part 1 - Fram Expedition Video

[Fram expedition video](#) questions:

1. What was the motivation behind the Fram expedition?
2. What was known/believed to be true about the Arctic prior to the Fram expedition?
3. In what way(s) did members of the crew display persistence?

### Part 2 - Fram Google Expedition

Lead by Fridtjof Nansen, the Fram expedition (1893-1896) was the first attempt to reach the North Pole by drifting with ocean currents. Freezing temperatures, polar nights, and polar bear attacks, experience the Fram expedition for yourself...hop aboard the *Fram* and see what it's like to be an Arctic explorer in this virtual Google Expedition!

**Instructions:** Tour each scene in the "[Explore the Arctic Aboard the Fram](#)" Google Expedition answering the questions below as you go.

#### Scene 1: The Fram: Structure and Function

1. What were some imaginative and creative structural elements of the Fram?



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**Scene 2: March to the North Pole**

2. What catastrophic event later inspired Fridtjof Nansen to lead the Fram expedition?  
Explain Nansen's plan using the terms logic and reasoning.

**Scene 3: Navigation**

3. What instrument did the Fram expedition rely on for navigation? How did it work?

**Scene 4: Scientific Observations**

4. What are some of the things Nansen and his crew studied/investigated while drifting through the Arctic?

**Scene 5: Saloon**

5. How did the men occupy their time and keep their spirits up while aboard the Fram?



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**Scene 6: Cabins**

6. Why was it difficult to sleep on the *Fram*?

**Scene 7: Dining Room**

7. Did the crew lose weight or gain weight over the course of the 3-year expedition?

**Scene 8: Kitchen**

8. What foods listed in the descriptions would you most want to eat aboard the *Fram*?



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**Part 3 - Exit Ticket/Homework**

What human qualities did crewmembers display/possess that enabled the Fram expedition to be successful? (Consider: persistence, precision, logic, reasoning, imagination, creativity)

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