

Jeanne Baret

INTRODUCTION

Jeanne Baret, also known as Jean Baré (her name changed to be a boy name), was a French botanist* and explorer born on the 27th July in 1740, La Comelle. Without knowing, she was the first woman that circumnavigated** around the world from 1766 to 1769. She had to pretend to be a man, because in those times it was forbidden the entrance on the boats for woman, instead they had to be at home taking care of their children and had traditional roles. Her companion was her husband, Philibert Commerson. She studied many new plants in the environment they grew; and she discovered a new plant, so the scientifics named after Baret.



This plant doesn't exist anymore. Philibert died on 1773 because a disease called dysentery. During a year Jeanne was working for getting some money to return to her home. She meet a French soldier that also wanted to return to France called Jean Dubernat. In 1774 they get married. She died on 5th August 1807.

Her story became famous only a few years ago.

**Study about plants*

***Sail all the way around the world*

HERO ARGUMENTS

DISCOVER-BOTANIST- CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE WORLD-IMPERSONATE LIKE A MAN

→Jeanne Baret, apart from being an explorer, she fought against the law to do something that was unfairly forbidden. (The law= Women can't sail boats) So, with good intentions, she made a "manifestation" against the law to create a more equal and fairer one.

→She travelled all around the world by boat, so she made people aware of other religions and cultures. Give example

→Philibert, during the trip, had gangrene so he had difficulty moving, although Jeanne helped him with treatment, she made with the species she collected and with this treatment, amputation would not be necessary. As Philibert could not move, Jeanne had to do all the collection of species, plants and stones

→When she finally finished her journey and arrived in France, she became the first woman to circumnavigate in the world, but nobody celebrated it like the men that had previously achieved it. She did not have any intention of being the first woman to make it, but she did.

Her - woman

He - man

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→She helped to discover plants, species and shells ... but they were **never called by their name**-CANVIAR, however, they were called "commersonii" from the name Philibert Commerson.

HERO

VILLAIN

→During the trip, she had a gun to protect herself from some of the men that could hurt her in the ship.

You said that she had a gun, so she had enough courage to kill someone in a necessary circumstance.

No, the man of the ship were ho they didn't have nothing of shame because they planned a plan to take the gun of Jeanne to can rape her. When she had the third and unexpected child she had to left him in an adoption home, the one they were staying when Jeanne was pregnant.

→Philibert had to embark on ships on the Marine Royaleya and Jeanne wanted to go with him, but she couldn't because she was a woman and they didn't let her. She decided that she will be the companion of Philibert. The fact she was trying to impersonate a man, complicated her life. She had to live with fear and trying not to show that she was really a woman, not a man.

So she did some illegal things like for example she lied about her identity.

→ Philibert and Jeanne had two children and the two of them were given up for adoption. The second one only was with one month old.

She left her children in the hands of other people without any reason of overwhelming force. If she had one child and she already give it to adoption, why she had another and with only one-month abandoned it another time?

So, probably she wants to have kids because she like them, she tough about their health and she decided to let them in adoption because she know that she will be in the sea trip for a long time. Lucky that she left them because the crew went more than six weeks without having any proper food, so they had to eat rats; and that is one of many reasons she made that.

→In honour of her discoveries, a scientist that discovered a new species of plant, gave the name of Solanum baretiae. He put that name because this kind of plant changed colour a lot like Baret, she had to change her life to follow her heart and adventures.

What? Honour? The only thing she got from doing this was that the people found out about other types of plants and used these for other purposes like for tee. She did that a lot of plants were removed from their habitat.

CONCLUSION:

We conclude is that Jeanne Baret was a hero because she fought for what she wanted, making the world a more justice place: discovering new plans used for medicine, exploring new beautiful places to live in and seeing different cultures from around the world. No one is perfect, so she also did bad things during her lifetime. For example, after giving her first child in adoption she did not had enough consciousness to do not have another; she does have another and they gave him another time to adoption but with only one month of life.

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