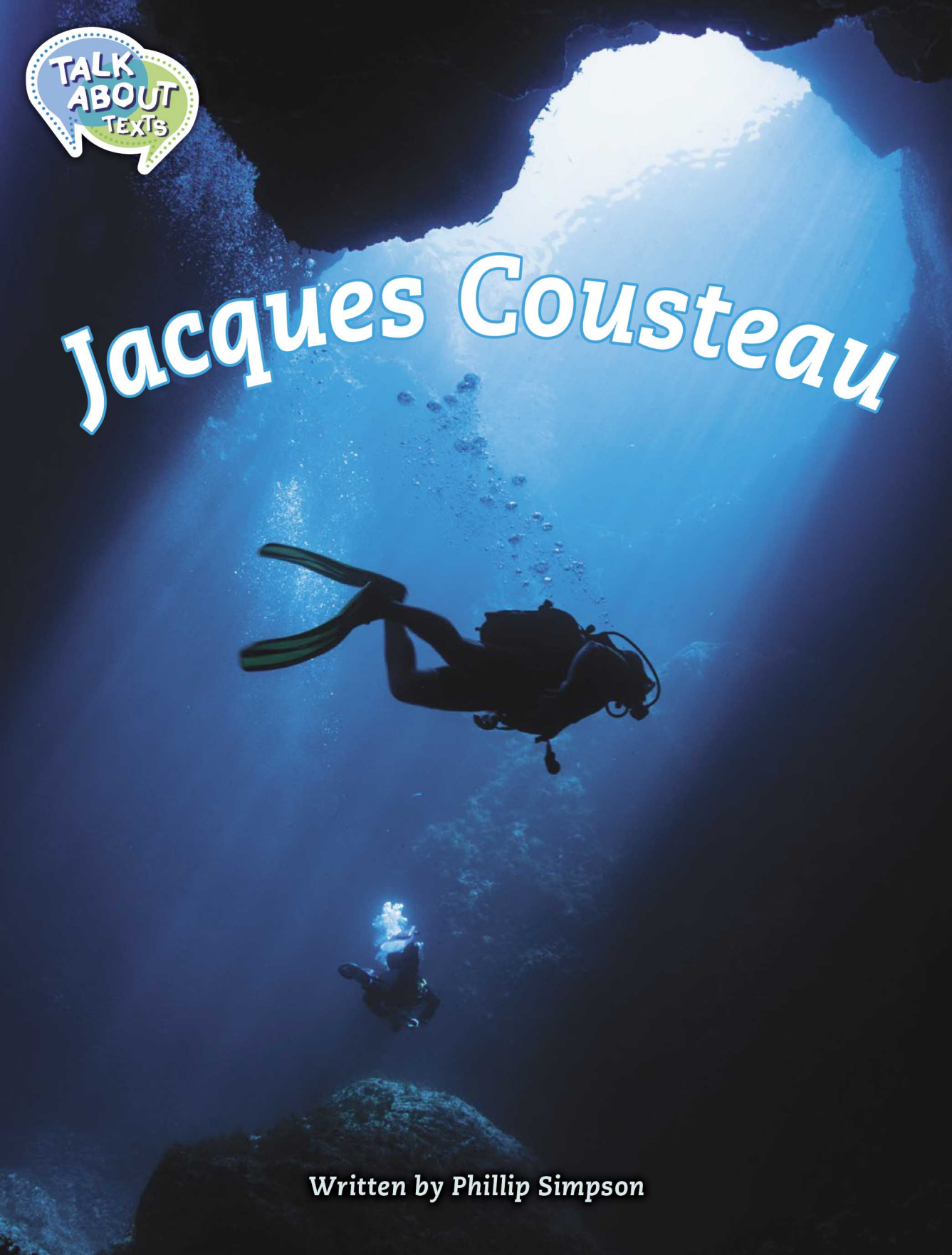

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Who Was Jacques Cousteau?

Jacques Cousteau was a world-famous French ocean explorer and **conservationist**. From an early age, he spent his life swimming with and studying **marine** animals. He did things underwater that no one else had done before. He made amazing new discoveries, too.

Cousteau realised how important the marine environment is. He did all he could to show this to the world. He made many documentaries and a television series. These brought the lives of whales, dolphins and other undersea animals to a worldwide audience.



Jacques Cousteau was a pioneer of marine conservation.

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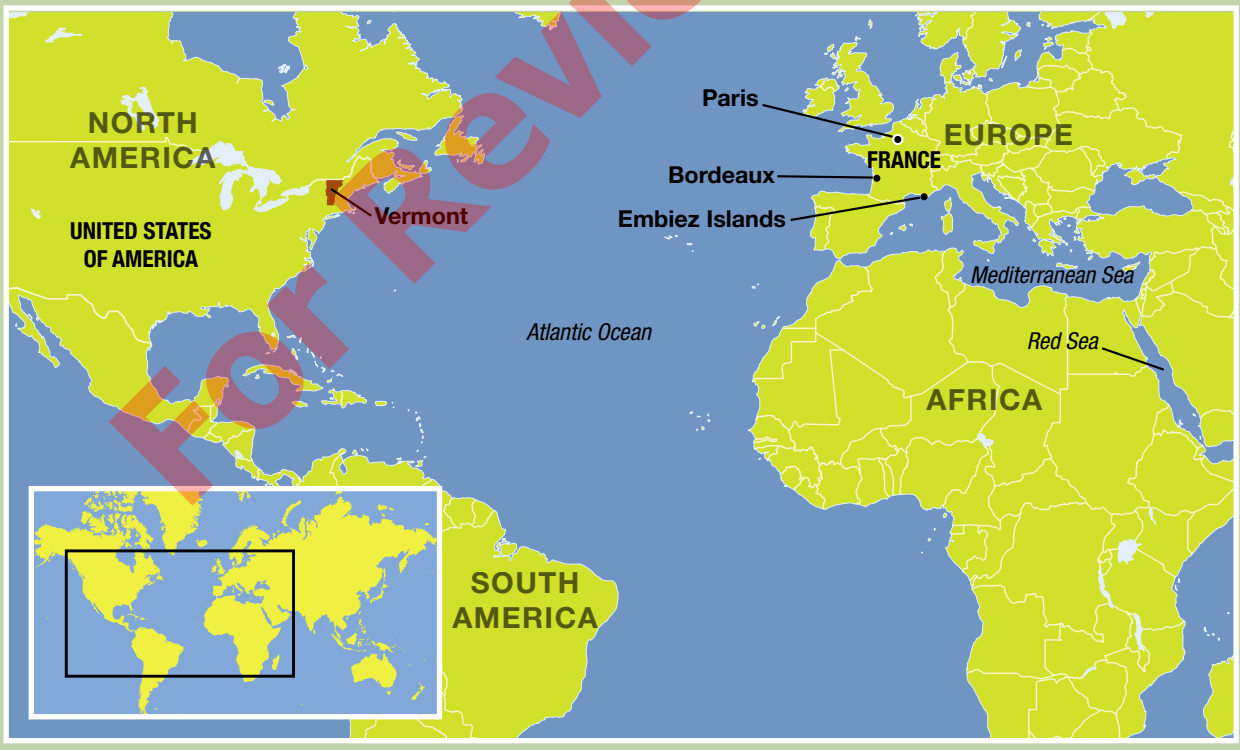
A Love of the Water

Jacques Cousteau was born in 1910 near Bordeaux, France. He learnt to swim when he was only four years old.

Cousteau's family often travelled to Vermont in the United States. He spent some time cleaning up a lake at a summer camp. He got used to diving into the water. His love for the water grew and grew. Cousteau gained another passion during his youth. He loved making short films with a movie camera. Later in life, these two passions would be combined.

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Important Places in Cousteau's Life and Career





When Cousteau used goggles underwater for the first time, he was amazed by the beauty of life under the sea.

The Healing Power of the Ocean

In 1930, at the age of 20, Cousteau joined the French Naval Academy. After three years of training, he began his time serving in the navy.

In 1936, he was involved in a bad car crash. He broke many bones, including bones in both arms. To build up his strength, he swam daily in the ocean. He used goggles when swimming under the water. Goggles were a new invention. With goggles, he was able to see the seafloor clearly like never before. He was amazed by its beauty.

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