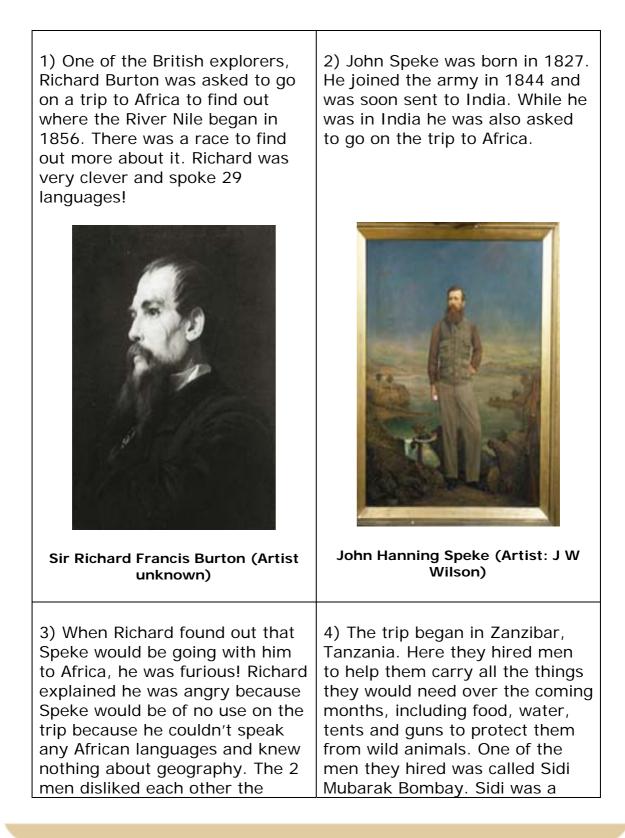
## The search for the source of the Nile

One of the most famous stories in African history is the story of the search for the beginning of the River Nile.

Read the cartoon below to find out what all the fuss was about:



moment they met.   5) Their journey began in 1857.   On their travels they came across many Arab traders who told them about a huge lake in the second s	very brave man who was often at the front of the group leading the way with his gun.    Image: Constraint of the group leading the way with his gun.   Image: Constraint of the group leading the way with his gun.   Image: Constraint of the group leading the way with his gun.   Image: Constraint of the group leading the way with his gun.   Image: Constraint of the group leading the lake that is called Lake Tanganyika today. When the two
the North. This was a mystery to the men because nobody knew how many lakes there actually were in East Africa. Speke wanted to go and find the lake, but Burton was in charge and would not let him go.	men arrived at the lake they were both very ill and had hardly any food left. Burton could not walk and Speke was nearly blind and deaf. During his trip through the jungle a beetle had entered Speke's ear and had started crawling into his head. Speke tried to dig the beetle out with a knife, but this just made the problem worse. In Speke's own words it 'was the most painful thing'.
7) Because the men were both so sick they decided to go to	8) When Speke returned to Tabora, Burton was waiting for
Tabora (in Tanzania) where they knew they could get medicine	him and was not pleased. Burton had wanted to find the lake
and recover. Speke soon got better but Burton was still very ill. Speke decided to leave	himself and was not pleased that Speke had found it first, the men had a huge argument. In
Burton behind and went to	England Speke became very

search for the Lake the Arab traders had told him about. Once he reached the Lake, he saw how large it was and thought it must be where the River Nile began, even though he had no evidence. He named the Lake Victoria after the Queen of England at that time.	famous for solving the mystery of the River Nile and was invited to many places to talk about his travels in Africa. In 1865 both men were invited to talk at the same place. They met each other on the afternoon of the day they would be debating and would not talk to each other. Speke left in anger and decided to go out shooting to calm down. That afternoon, Speke shot himself in an accident and later died. Both Speke and Burton are now famous for naming some of the lakes in East Africa and also arguing with each other!
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