Death of Shackleton

1. In late 1921 Shackleton once again headed south to the Antarctic.

2. He was joined by a number of men from the Endurance crew, this time aboard the Quest.

3. After a stormy passage, the Quest reached South Georgia Island, where nearly six years before Shackleton had ended his long ordeal.

4. In his diary, Shackleton wrote:
   "At last...we come to anchor in Grytviken (Grit-viken).
   How familiar the coast seemed as we passed down: we saw with full interest the places we struggled over after the boat journey...
   the old familiar smell of dead whale permeates everything.
   It is a strange and curious place... A wonderful evening."

5. That same night, in the early hours of January 5, 1922, Shackleton had a massive heart attack and died. The Boss was dead.
   At the request of his wife, he was buried by his men in the small whalers' cemetery on South Georgia Island.

6. At the headlands of Grytviken harbor, the men built a memorial cairn to commemorate their leader.

7. Shackleton died without attaining the ultimate goal of any of his expeditions. Nor did he ever achieve the public recognition of his old rival, Robert F. Scott. Yet those who knew him regarded Shackleton as an unparalleled leader.

8. In every crisis he led by example, displaying courage, determination, and endurance.