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For Sherpas, who assist individuals wishing to reach the top of the world, climbing Mt. Everest is like an expression of their religious beliefs. To reach the summit helps them to draw closer to the five Buddhas who are represented by prayer flags. In Buddhism, the path to enlightenment requires selflessness and compassion. Sherpas demonstrate those attributes throughout the climbing season as they do their best for their clients.

George Mallory, the legendary British mountain climber, was once asked why he wanted to climb Mt. Everest. "Because it's there," he said.

Decades after Mallory died on Everest (his mummified body was discovered in 1999), people still climb the world's tallest mountains for the same reason.

Because no one is yet sure whether Mallory and Andrew Irvine (his climbing partner) reached the summit of Mt. Everest before they died trying (in 1924), Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay have that distinction. The pair reached the top of the world (where they remained just fifteen minutes) on May 29, 1953. They had climbed to a height of 8,850 meters (29,035 feet).

What other peaks make up the ten-highest mountains in the world (above sea level)—and—where are they? All, except K2 (the second tallest), are part of the Himalayan Range:

- K2 (Godwin Austen)—8,611 meters (28,250 feet)—located in the Karakoram Range near the Baltoro Glacier
- Kanchenjunga—8,586 meters (28,169 feet)—Himalaya (India/Nepal)
- Lhotse (near Everest)—8,516 meters (27,940 feet)—Himalaya (Nepal/Tibet)
- Makalu—8,463 meters (27,766 feet)—Himalaya (Nepal/Tibet)
- Cho Oyu—8,201 meters (26,906 feet)—Himalaya (Nepal/Tibet)
- Dhaulagiri—8,167 meters (26,795 feet)—Himalaya (Nepal)
- Manaslu—8,163 meters (26,781 feet)—Himalaya (Nepal)
- Nanga Parbat —8,125 meters (26,660 feet)—Himalaya (Pakistan)
- Annapurna—8,091 meters (26,545 feet)—Himalaya (Nepal)

Now that we've examined Himalaya's most famous peaks, we need to ask another question about the region. Are Himalayan Yeti real ...or ... imagined??

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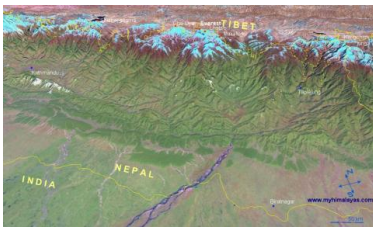
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George Mallory - Historical Footage at Everest

Compilation of historic, recreated and archival footage, online via YouTube.

Alexander Frederick Richmond Wollaston (1875 - 1930) took the photo of the 1921 climbing team which included George Mallory. The men, in the picture linked above (for "George Mallory"), are:

Back row, left to right: Guy Bullock, Henry Morshead, Oliver Wheeler and George Mallory.

Front row, left to right: A.M. Heron, Sandy Wollaston, Charles Howard-Bury et Harold Raeburn

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