

Marco Polo



Marco Polo was born in _____, _____.

Marco's family were _____.

In Venice at this time you could find all of these goods for sale:

Traders could get to China by traveling overland via the _____.

Traders could also reach China by going ship along the _____



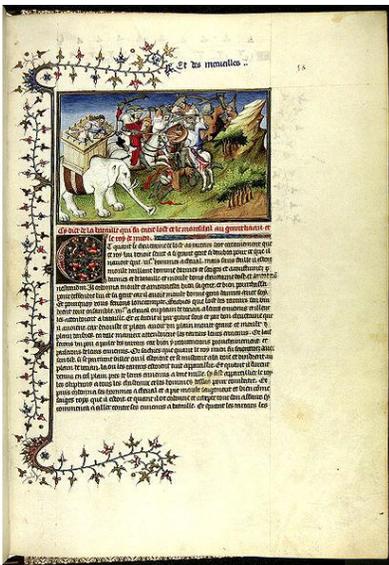
When Marco Polo was little his _____ and _____ traveled East. Their journey lasted _____ years. They returned home when Marco was _____.

Two years later, they decided to return to China this time with Marco Polo. Kublai Khan had asked them to return to China with _____ from the tomb of Jesus.



The three Polos traveled to the Holy Land and found two Dominican _____ willing to travel with them. The monks became terrified of bandits and returned to Jerusalem while the Polos continued on their way.

They reached Kublai Khan's summer _____ at Shangdu. Marco described Kublai as "the most _____ ruler, in subjects and in land and in treasure, that the _____ has ever known."



Marco told of

*paper _____,

*unicorns (probably _____)

*tales about a mysterious southern land - probably _____

*War _____

* _____ fishers

*People with _____ teeth

*"men with tails" -- _____

After traveling in the East for over _____ years, the Polos wanted to go home. They left with the princess _____ to help guide the fleet to the borders of _____. They brought home _____, seeds from Asian trees and other wonders.

After returning home Marco Polo was appointed commander of a Venetian ship. Venice was fighting Genoa. Marco was captured and was put in jail. There he met Rustichello who offered to write down his tales. Their book Description of the _____ was later renamed the _____ of Marco Polo.

It became a best seller in Europe! Even Christopher _____ had a copy when he set out to find a route to Asia by sailing _____ in 1492.



Marco Polo Answers

Marco Polo was born in **Venice, Italy**

Marco's family were **merchants**

In Venice at this time you could find all of these goods for sale:

glassware; glazed tiles; pottery; metal ware; Chinese ceramics; porcelain; bronze; silk and wool; exotic spices

Traders could get to China by traveling overland via the **Silk Road**

Traders could also reach China by going ship along the **Spice Route**

When Marco Polo was little his **father and uncle** traveled East. Their journey lasted **9** years. They returned home when Marco was **15**.

Two years later, they decided to return to China this time with Marco Polo. Kublai Khan had asked them to return to China with **Holy Oil** from the tomb of Jesus.

The three Polos traveled to the Holy Land and found two Dominican **monks** willing to travel with them. The monks became terrified of bandits and returned to Jerusalem while the Polos continued on their way.

They reached Kublai Khan's summer **palace** at Shangdu. wa Marco described Kublai as "the most **powerful** ruler, in subjects and in land and in treasure, that the **world** has ever known."

Marco told of

- paper **money**
- *unicorns (probably **rhinoceros**)
- *tales about a mysterious southern land -probably **Australia**
- *War **Elephants**
- ***Pearl** fishers
- *People with **gold-plated** teeth
- *"men with tails" -- **orangutans**

After traveling in the East for over 20 years, the Polos wanted to go home. They left with the princess Kokachin to help guide the fleet to the borders of Iran. They brought home rubies, seeds from Asian trees and other wonders.

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Books and Resources we used for this unit

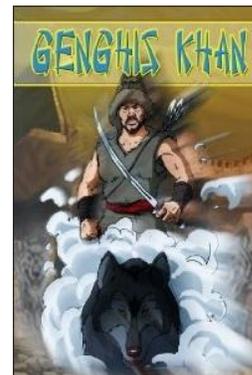
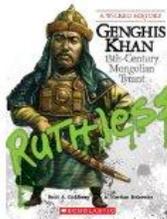
Genhis Khan

Genhis Khan and the Mongol Empire by Miriam Greenblatt: We read this aloud together. It has anecdotes that kept the kids engaged. It goes fairly well with the events depicted in the animate film we watched

Genhis Khan: Animated Classic -- Available for streaming at Amazon Instant Videos (right).

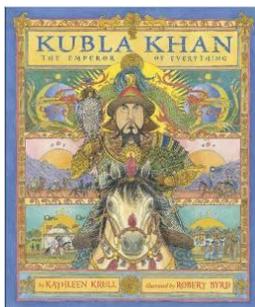
The kids also read *Genhis Khan:*

13th Century Mongolian Tyrant



Kublai Khan

Kubla Khan: The Emperor of Everything by Kathleen Krull: This was another book we read aloud. The pictures were vivid.



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Marco Polo by Demi

Marco Polo a Journey Through China by Fiona MacDonald

The Adventures of Marco Polo by Russell Freedman

We watched

Horrible Histories: Marvelous Marco Polo

Animated Hero Classics: Marco Polo

and a movie about Marco Polo

