**Marco Polo Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Revelations from the East: The extraordinary journey of Marco Polo - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/marco-polo/)

1. When was Marco Polo born and where?
2. What was the significance of Marco Polo's journey?
3. What book did Marco Polo write and what did it detail?
4. Describe Marco Polo's early life and education.
5. What mission did Kublai Khan give to the Polo family?
6. What were some of the challenges Marco Polo faced during his journey to the East?
7. How did Marco Polo describe the Mongol Empire and its ruler, Kublai Khan?
8. What administrative and diplomatic roles did Marco Polo undertake in Kublai Khan's court?
9. How did Marco Polo's travels influence European understanding of Asia?
10. What led to the Polo family's return to Venice, and how long did their journey back take?
11. Describe Marco Polo's life after returning to Venice.
12. How did Marco Polo respond when asked to recant his stories on his deathbed?
13. What controversies surround the authenticity of Marco Polo's accounts?
14. How did Marco Polo's accounts impact future explorers like Christopher Columbus?
15. Why do some historians doubt that Marco Polo visited China?
16. How did Marco Polo describe the cities and commerce of Asia?
17. What role did Marco Polo's book play in shaping European exploration?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*In what ways did Marco Polo's travels and writings influence the European perception of the East?*