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## Marco Polo's Adventures: Journey to the East

### Short Answer Key

1. Marco Polo's journey to the East was prompted by his father, Niccolò, and uncle, Maffeo, who set out on a voyage. Marco Polo joined them as a teenager.
2. Marco Polo visited places like the deserts of Persia, the city of Shangdu, and Hangzhou's West Lake. He was impressed by the natural beauty, engineering feats, and grandeur of these places.
3. Marco Polo served as a trusted advisor and explorer at the court of Kublai Khan. He traveled throughout the Mongol Empire and even served as a diplomatic envoy.
4. Marco Polo's tales were met with skepticism when he returned to Venice. However, his writings, particularly "The Travels of Marco Polo," went on to captivate readers across Europe and sparked a fascination with the East.

