

**Marco Polo the Traveler of Skill Road**

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**Reaction Paper:**

Marco Polo was a great traveler from his era. He is the person who most popular European traveling on the Silk Road. The reason I have chosen him because at a young age he has traveled more place than I have. This is why I find him very interesting.

Marco Polo was born in Venice in 1254 but it wasn’t certain whether he was born in Venice or of the coast of Dalmatia. But it was confirm by book that Marco grew up in Venice. Marco Polo had “usual education of a young gentleman” of his era. He has studied about classic, “understood the text of the bible”, “and knew the basic theology of the Latin Church”. Later this knowledge helped him become a great explorer of his time. He was fluent in both French and Italian as well. At a young age his father Niccilo Polo and his uncle Maffeo left him and set eastward in their “first trip to Cathay”(china). At age 15 he lost his mother and that’s when his father and his uncle returned. His father and uncle remained in Venice for two years and then three of them started “courageous journey to Cathay the second time”.

Year 1271, Pope Tedalo gave a letter and a gift to the Great Khan; this is the reason why the Polo left Venice on their journey to the east. Both Niccilo and Maffeo had good understanding with the Great Khan that’s why pope sent them. When they left, they took the 17 year-old Marco Polo. They have carried their mission even though they had to go through war zone. Along the war zone they have passed through “Armenia, Persia, and Afghanistan, over the Pamirs, and all along the Silk Road to China”. Their journey was not long, as because 10 years ago Niccilo and Maffeo pass through same road.

After four years of travel, the Polo has reached China and Kublai Khan Place known as “Xanddu”. The Great Khan’s place has dazzled Master Polo because of a “grand marble architecture”. He never thought, a king could be so rich and powerful, after that he knew why they call him The Great Khan. Polos had originally planned to stay there for few years but that plan had change, when Khan’s acceptance of the “Polos offered the foreigners unparalleled access to his empire”. Then Niccolo and Maffeo became part of the Khan’s important “positions in the leader's Court”. Master Marco were to impress Khan, The Great Kublai highly thought Marco had a good abilities as a merchant. By becoming part of Kublai merchant it resulted in him learning four different languages. Khan employed Marco as a special envoy, as result Marco was sent to four different area of Asia never before “explored by Europeans”. Marco has visited Burma, India, Tibet and other areas were among the places that Marco ventured into. Marco had passport from The Great Khan which was a stamped metal packet, printed as “that served as his official credentials from the powerful leader”.

As year passed on The Great Khan was impressed by Marco’s work and promoted him to an “official of the Privy Council”. From his journey, Marco amassed not only vast knowledge about the Mongol, “but incredible wonder”. When he stared “marveled at the empire's use of paper money” this idea worked in Mongol but never reach Europe. After serving 17 years in Khan’s court of law, Polo decided it was time for him to return to Venice. This decision did not please Khan, who has grown to depend on Marco. His requested was not denied instead the Great Khan gave him a condition, which is to escort a Mongol “Princess to Persia”, “where she was to marry a Persian Prince”.

Marco Polo always going to be in mind because, at a young age he has traveled places that I can never imagine to go. Even though I have travel from Bangladesh to USA, I never imagine traveling places in USA. I do have a dream of visiting every state in USA, but never know when. But Marco has travel many lands at young age.

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