

## Quick Check

## Marco Polo and the Silk Road

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**Instructions:** Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. During Marco Polo's day, why didn't most people know much about China?
  - Ⓐ It was so far away.
  - Ⓑ It wasn't easy to travel there.
  - Ⓒ There was little communication with people there.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
2. Ancient Romans thought silk was as valuable as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ coal
  - Ⓑ gold
  - Ⓒ pottery
  - Ⓓ diamonds
3. What is a **dynasty**?
  - Ⓐ a group that travels together in a camel caravan
  - Ⓑ relatives who rule one after the other for many years
  - Ⓒ people who disagree with a group
  - Ⓓ a type of valuable coin from China
4. The route to China became known as the Silk Road because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ silk was all that people carried on this road
  - Ⓑ there were silk factories all along the road
  - Ⓒ it was the most valued item carried on the road
  - Ⓓ all of the above
5. Before Marco Polo's father and uncle reached China, they had to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ cross the Gobi Desert
  - Ⓑ buy camels to help them
  - Ⓒ decide on the route to take
  - Ⓓ all of the above
6. After Genghis Khan died, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ the Silk Road was established
  - Ⓑ his grandson conquered China
  - Ⓒ the Mongols spread out over Asia
  - Ⓓ China began to be ruled by the Han

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7. During Marco Polo's trip to China when he was seventeen, the missionaries who were on the trip turned back. Why?
  - Ⓐ The trip was so difficult.
  - Ⓑ The Pope called them back to Italy.
  - Ⓒ They didn't agree with Marco Polo's father.
  - Ⓓ They wanted to work with the people in Hormuz.
8. Why did so many people not believe Marco Polo's stories about China?
  - Ⓐ They didn't think China could be so advanced.
  - Ⓑ They thought he learned about China in Persia.
  - Ⓒ He never talked about tea drinking or Chinese writing.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
9. The Polos were given positions of authority in China because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ they had traveled so far from Italy
  - Ⓑ Kublai Khan thought they were stronger than anyone else
  - Ⓒ they were the only ones who knew how to read and write
  - Ⓓ Kublai Khan didn't want Chinese people in his government
10. Which of the following words is defined as *people who trade or sell goods*?
  - Ⓐ empire
  - Ⓑ caravans
  - Ⓒ merchants
  - Ⓓ foreigners
11. **Extended Response:** Explain why the Chinese people hated the Yuan Dynasty.
12. **Extended Response:** Why is it good that Marco Polo was thrown into prison when he returned from China in 1298?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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*Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events*

1. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
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7. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers should include the following idea: *the Chinese people hated the Yuan Dynasty because the dynasty's rulers from Mongolia had conquered China and discriminated against its people by not allowing them to hold important jobs in government.*
12. Answers should include the following idea: *It was in prison that Marco Polo met the writer Rustichello, who wrote down all of the stories that Marco told about China. These stories made Marco famous and exposed many Europeans to what China was like.*