

Issues in retracing travel path of Polo on Map

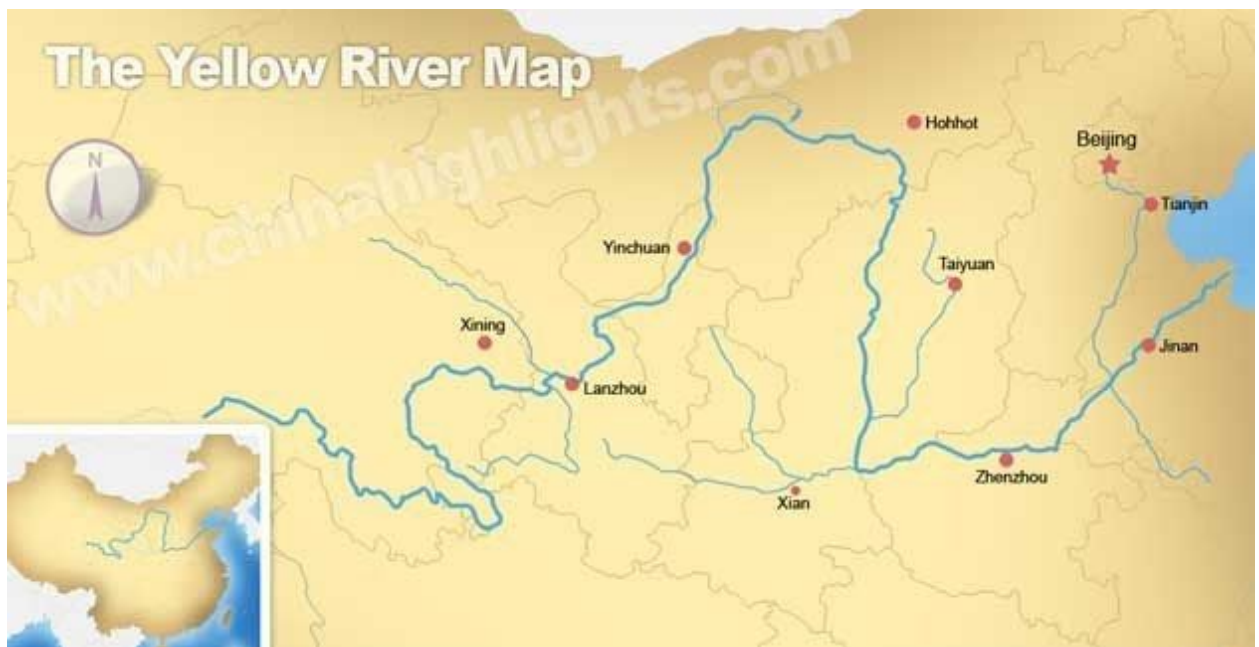
1. Finding modern day name of the historical locations

- Different spellings in different translations by different authors (Specially Chinese locations)
- Difficult to find “not so major locations” in research papers or the internet

2. Mentions of certain plains, mountain ranges , lakes or particular area without any name while moving from source or destination. However, it is important to identify those names in order to find accurate sources and destinations.

3. Problems with large areas such as rivers and mountains. There can be multiple kingdoms / provinces / rivers alongside them. So while mapping them on google map, it leads in an opposite direction with a large margin.

(<https://images.chinahighlights.com/allpicture/2015/09/483938e9c5874aef98f1d6fa.jpg>)



But when you search it on a google map, it is just a pin which leads to large error in tracing a path.

4. Non existing Areas

- Plain of Bargu

“Appears to be the same as that mentioned in Mongol history as Barguchin Togrum or Barguti, commencing about Lake Baikal, the river Barguzin that feeds it, and a town on its banks, Barguzinsk.”

- b. Nayan's Provinces (Chorcha, Cauly, Barscol, Sikintinju)

“Location of 'BARSCOL' is very unclear but is thought to be around the eastern end of the present day Tian Shan Mountains.”

- c. The Province of Acbalec Manzi

“As far as I can ascertain from the Yule-Cordier notes, the flat plains on the southwest march between Hanzhong and Chengdu. Switch to Google Maps' Terrain View for a clearer look.”

- 5. **Mention of certain countries where Marco Polo has just visited very border areas. However, mapping them on a map leads to false placing somewhere in the center of the country.**

Province of Tebet :

“Marco Polo is vague about the exact boundaries of what he experienced as Tibet; Yule & Cordier suggest the boundaries were farther east than present day political borders, and also that Polo himself only saw a small part of it ”

- 6. **Mistakes / Misjudgement of Marco Polo in recalling the locations or describing the places or their locations**

- 7. **Geographical entities that are spread into more than one country**

- a. Kashmir - India and Pakistan
- b. Pamir mountains - Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, China, Afghanistan
Mountain range in at the junction of Himalayas, Tian Shan,.Karakoram, Kunlun, Hindu Kush, Hindu Raj mountain ranges

- 8. **Separating only mentions of places vs actually visited places**

==>As shown in maps