

Virtual History Teacher
Marco Polo Test

Name: _____

Instructions: You are playing the role of a history teacher who is grading the test below. See the questions and your “student’s” answers. Grade the quality of the answers on a scale of 1-4, “1” being a poor answer and “4” being a great answer. For each answer you grade, use your knowledge of Marco Polo, or, reference the mrnussbaum.com online biography, to add the missing pieces.

Question 1: Describe the Relationship between Kublai Khan and Marco Polo	Score:
Student Answer: They were friends.	
Your Response:	

Question 2: What were some of the things that Marco Polo saw in China?	Score:
Student Answer: He saw some cool stuff they didn't have in Europe.	
Your Response:	

Question 3: What was the EFFECT of Marco Polo's travels and descriptions?	Score:
Student Answer: People thought he was cool.	
Your Response:	

Answers:

Question 1: Describe the Relationship between Kublai Khan and Marco Polo	Score:
Student Answer: They were friends.	
Your Response: Kublai Khan took an immediate liking to Marco Polo and eventually appointed him to the position of Commissioner in the Mongol government. Marco stayed with Kublai Khan for seventeen years, which indicates they had a very good relationship.	

Question 2: What were some of the things that Marco Polo saw in China?	Score:
Student Answer: He saw some cool stuff they didn't have in Europe.	
Your Response: Marco Polo saw many things that Europeans had never seen before such as paper money, porcelain, paperback books, incredible iron works, and salt mines. He described the cities as the greatest in the world.	

Question 3: What was the EFFECT of Marco Polo's travels and descriptions?	Score:
Student Answer: People thought he was cool.	
Your Response: The effect of his journey was far greater than the answer above. His amazing stories and descriptions of exotic products influenced a whole new generation of explorers who dreamed of great treasures for themselves. Marco Polo's descriptions certainly influenced Christopher Columbus.	