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## UNIT

## 1

## Treasures of the Orient



This passage explains the events that led to the discovery of a new trade route between Europe and Asia and the significant parts played by the Polo family and Kublai Khan.



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Read the questions in this unit before listening. Take notes as you listen. You may read the listening script on page 225 if needed.

## Keywords

## Notes

century  
channeled  
Silk Route  
Constantinople  
Mediterranean  
European  
Venice  
Kublai Khan  
Asia Minor  
Persia  
Afghanistan  
Himalayan  
Gobi  
Shangdu  
Orient

SAMPLE

**A. Read the questions. Then check the correct answers.**

1. What was Kublai Khan interested in?
  - (A) the European culture
  - (B) merchants from Venice
  - (C) the Polo family
  - (D) a four-year journey
2. In which year did the Polo family set out for China?
  - (A) 1270
  - (B) 1217
  - (C) 1279
  - (D) 1271
3. What was the final destination of the Polo family?
  - (A) Afghanistan
  - (B) the Himalayan mountains
  - (C) China
  - (D) the Gobi Desert
4. How long did the Polos stay in China?
  - (A) for 70 years
  - (B) for 17 years
  - (C) for 17 days
  - (D) for 17 months

**B. Listen to the questions and answer options. Then write the correct letters in the boxes.**

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**C. Fill in the blanks with the correct words to complete the sentences.**

1. In the 13th century, trade between Europe and Asia was channeled through the \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The European merchants wanted the \_\_\_\_\_ , spices, and \_\_\_\_\_ found in the East.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ was the name of the Chinese ruler.
4. Present-day Iran and Iraq were known as \_\_\_\_\_ .

5. Present-day Beijing was known as \_\_\_\_\_ .

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**D. Answer the questions.**

1. Why was a new trade route needed?

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2. Which areas did the Polo family travel through?

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3. What lessons do you think the Polo family learned on their journey?

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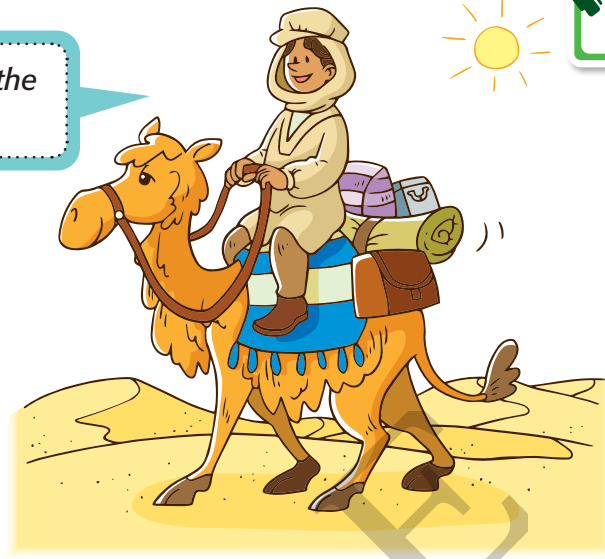


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E. Listen to the passage "Treasures of the Orient" again. Then write a summary in no more than 80 words.



*Include only the main points in the summary. Use your own words.*



**Summary**

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**Words That I Have Learned**

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