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## Marco Polo

In the year 1254 a man named Marco Polo was born into a rich family. His mother died when he was just a little boy. But although his mom died he received a good education. His uncle and father left him to go on a trip to China when he was six then they came back when he was 15 years old. When Marco was seventeen he left his father to go on a trip across Asia to China.

After three years of traveling, they finally reached the palace of the Emperor Kublai Khan. They were so scared because they could have gotten terminated brutally. When they decided to leave, the journey home took two years. Most of the passengers died of diseases and pirate attacks, which were pretty scary. They had been gone for almost twenty-four years and traveled over 15,000 miles.

Eventually, Polo died in the year of 1324 at the age of seventy. He wrote a book called *Description of the World* or *The Travels of Marco Polo*. Not many people believed his stories and that caused the book to be nicknamed "The Million Lies." At the time all the copies were handwritten so it is possible it had gotten changed over the years. Then on his deathbed Polo was asked what parts of his book were real and he moaned that he had told, "Barely half," which were the last words he ever said.

