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**Marco Polo and the world of the Silk road Webquest**

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**Click on the** [**Legend of Silk**](http://www.ducksters.com/history/china/legend_of_silk.php)

**1. How is silk made?**

**2. What can silk be made into?**

**3. How was silk important to Ancient China?**

**4. According to legend, who discovered silk?**

**5. What leaves do silk worms like to eat?**

**6. Why are cocoons steamed?**

**7. What happens to make the cloth softer?**

**8. What groups of people were allowed to wear silk in Ancient China?**

**9. Why did the Chinese want to keep the process of making silk a secret?**

**10. What would happen to anyone in China who gave away the secret of making silk?**

**11. How long were the Chinese able to keep the making of silk a secret?**

**12. What year and what empire stole the Chinese secret of silk?**

**13. During what dynasty were Chinese peasants finally able to wear silk?**

**14. List several of the other uses of silk besides clothing:**

**15. What European country became a major producer of silk in the 13th century?**

**Click on the** [**Silk Road**](http://www.ducksters.com/history/china/silk_road.php)

**16. What two areas of the world were connected together by the Silk Road?**

**17. Why was the Silk Road important?**

**18. List several of the things that were spread along the Silk Road?**

**19. Why did people throughout Europe and Asia prize silk?**

**20. What did the Romans call China?**

**21. Besides silk what other items did the Chinese trade along the Silk Road?**

**22. What items did merchants traveling to China bring with them to trade for silk other goods that were from China?**

**23. Why did merchants travel in large caravans?**

**24. Why were camels commonly used by merchants traveling the Silk Road?**

**25. What Chinese dynasty expanded and promoted the Silk Road?**

**26. Under the rule of what empire did the Silk Road reach its peak of use?**

**27. How long was the Silk Road?**

**28. What horrible disease traveled along the Silk Road to Europe?**

**29. Where were most goods traded along the Silk Road?**

**30. Why do you think there were many routes along the Silk Road?**

**Click on** [**Marco Polo**](http://www.ducksters.com/biography/marco_polo.php)

**31. Where was Marco Polo born?**

**32. What is Marco Polo best known for?**

**33. Why was Marco Polo important and so well known today?**

**34. During what years was Marco Polo alive?**

**35. How did Venice become wealthy?**

**36. How long did it take for Marco Polo’s father and uncle to travel to China and back to Venice?**

**37. How old was Marco when he left for China?**

**38. What important Mongol ruler did Marco Polo and his family meet during their travel along the Silk Road?**

**39. How long did it take Marco Polo to reach China?**

**40. How did Marco Polo help Kublai Khan?**

**41. List several of things Marco Polo experienced while in China?**

**42. How long did Marco Polo spend in China and traveling along the Silk Road?**

**43. What did Marco Polo do while under arrest in Genoa, Italy?**

**44. Why was Marco Polo’s book so popular in Europe?**

**45. How were merchants typically treated in China?**

**46. What desert did Marco Polo have to cross to reach China?**

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**Click on** [**Kublai Khan**](http://www.ducksters.com/biography/world_leaders/kublai_khan.php)

**47. When did Kublai Khan reign or rule? What dynasty did he create?**

**48. Who was Kublai Khan’s grandfather?**

**49. What culture was Kublai Khan very interested in?**

**51. How did Kublai Khan become the great Khan?**

**52. What weapon helped Kublai Khan conquer the cities of the Song?**

**53. What modern city is Dadu or Khanbaliq?**

**54. How did Kublai Khan improve China?**

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**Click on** [**Yuan Dynasty**](http://www.ducksters.com/history/china/yuan_dynasty.php)

**54. Why did Kublai Khan use Chinese officials to run his government?**

**55. What were Kublai Khan’s policies towards religion?**

**56. Why did Kublai Khan institute a social class system based on race?**

**57. What caused the downfall of the Yuan Dynasty?**

**58. What was the summer capital of Yuan Dynasty called?**

**59. List two new or interesting things you learned by doing this webquest:**

**60. What grade would you give Marco Polo for his impact on the world?**

**A B C D F**

**Please explain your grade:**