

# Marco Polo

The man who rode from Italy to China



On his way home, Marco Polo saw some crocodiles.  
He called them 'serpent monsters'!

What I think about Marco Polo

# Marco Polo Factfile



Father and son

Marco Polo lived in Italy with his father, Nicolo Polo.

Nicolo sold goods that came from the East.

He set out to find where the goods came from.

He took Marco with him.

The court of the Emperor

Nicolo and Marco reached the court of Emperor Kublai Khan of China.

It was fantastic. Marco said it was like being in heaven!

Kublai Khan was very kind to the Polos. He gave them presents.

Marco travelled home by sea. On the way, he met terrifying crocodiles and cannibals!

Why we remember Marco Polo

Marco travelled for 17 years.

Back in Italy, he told his story to a writer.

He did not tell him everything, because he thought no one would believe him!

The man wrote a book of Marco's adventures. We can still read the stories today.

Something to do

1 Look at the picture. Marco Polo returned home by

\_\_\_\_\_.

2 Who was the Emperor of China?

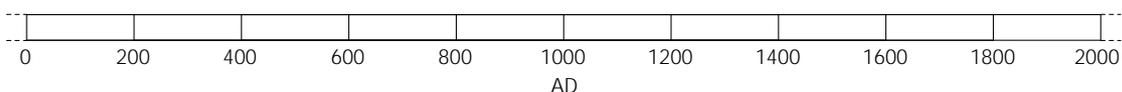
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Marco Polo timeline

Marco Polo left Italy in 1271. He returned home in 1295.

Mark an X on the timeline when Marco Polo explored.



# Edmund Hillary

The explorer who stood on the roof of the world



Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay climbed the highest mountain in the world. On the top they took photographs and ate sweets!

What I think about Edmund Hillary

# Edmund Hillary Factfile



The impossible mountain

Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.

For a long time it seemed impossible to climb.

The first expedition gave up with 600 metres to go.

Six men died.

On the next expedition two climbers disappeared near the top.

More expeditions failed and more men died.

At last!

Edmund Hillary joined Sir John Hunt's Everest expedition. They climbed very carefully and made camps on the way up.

It was very, very cold. The higher they went, the more difficult it was. At last, only Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay were left.

Why we remember Edmund Hillary

Someone asked Hillary why he climbed Everest.

"Because it is there!" he said.

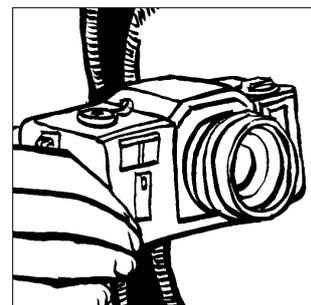
Near Everest he looked for a monster called the Abominable Snowman. He did not find it!

Later, he travelled across Antarctica.

Something to do

1 Look at the picture. Hillary took \_\_\_\_\_  
on the top of Everest.

2 What did Hillary look for near Everest?  
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Edmund Hillary timeline

Hillary climbed Everest in 1953.

Mark an X on the timeline when Hillary climbed Everest.

