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## **Video Assignment: Marco Polo – Journey to the East**

**Directions:** Answer the questions citing evidence from the video to back up your answers.

1. Why did Europeans doubt the truthfulness of Marco Polo's book?
2. Travel in the 13th century was hazardous at best. Why would Marco Polo, along with his uncle and father, embark on so dangerous a journey?
3. Do you think Marco Polo really reached China? Why or why not?
4. What influence did Polo's travels and book have on the course of world history?
5. Before Cathay (China) was conquered by Ghengis Khan, it did not allow foreigners into the country. What do you think was the reason for this policy?
6. Discuss the changes that Marco Polo may have encountered when he returned to Venice after being away for twenty-three years.