

## Topical Net for Letter in Defense of Marco Polo

**Directions:** Pretend you are a fifteenth century Italian trader who has traveled extensively in China. You are outraged that many consider Marco Polo's reports on China lies because you, too, have seen the wonders of China. Work with your partner to brainstorm details of what you have seen in China on each of the four topics below. Later you will use these details to help you write a letter to the editor in defense of Marco Polo, in which you describe the wonders of China.

