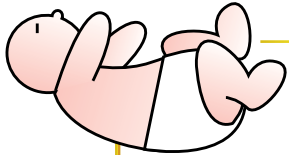


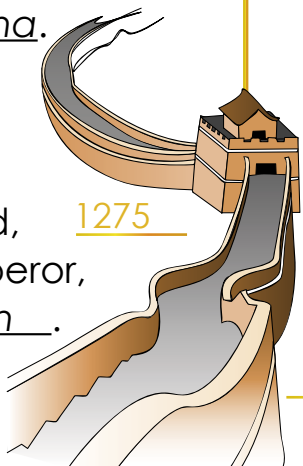
Your student has been instructed to fill in the blanks on the time line below. Some blanks have more than one correct answers.



1254
Marco Polo was born in Venice, Italy.

Marco left Italy with his 1271
father (Niccolo) and
uncle (Maffeo) to
journey to China.

1271-74
The Polos traveled for
three years along the
trade route called the
Silk Road.



When they arrived, 1275
they met the emperor,
Kublai Khan.

1275-91
Marco served the emperor
for 17 years as a
representative (or explorer).

1291
The emperor gave the Polos
permission to return
to Europe (or Italy).

1298
While in prison, Marco
Polo wrote a book called
The Description of the World.

After 1300
Interested by Marco's book, Eu-
ropeans traded with the Far East,
and acquired inventions such
as the magnetic compass,
a postal system, gunpow-
der, paper-making, or
coal mining.

1492
It is rumored that Christopher
Columbus took Polo's book
on his exploring adventures.

