

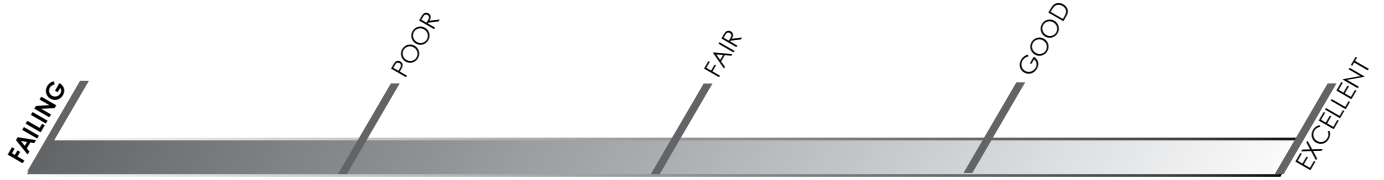
## ORAL QUIZ ON THE MONGOLS AND MARCO POLO

The points and level of detail given below are those that an upper-grammar student might be expected to know from his reading, though he may not include every detail. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

### The Mongols and Marco Polo

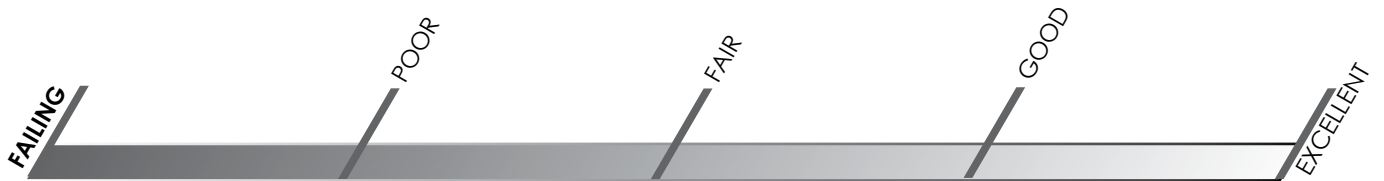
1. In the 1200's, what group of people were Europe's greatest threat, and where did they originate?  
*The Mongols, who lived north of China in Mongolia and desired to conquer all of Europe, were the greatest threat to Europe at this time.*
2. Name and describe the accomplishments of the Mongol's fearsome leader of the early 1200's.  
*Genghis Khan, whose name means "supreme ruler," was a great Mongol warrior who conquered northern China and many other Mongol tribes, uniting them under his leadership. His goal was to expand his empire west into Europe. By 1260, the Mongol empire covered most of eastern Europe.*
3. How was his grandson Kublai Khan different as an emperor?  
*When Kublai Khan became emperor, his desire was to relate peacefully with Europe in order to invite the European trade, culture, and technology into his empire.*
4. What was the Silk Road?  
*The Silk Road was a network of trade routes connecting Asian and European trading centers.*
5. What kinds of items were European traders interested in purchasing from Asia?  
*Items that were in great demand by European traders consisted of medicines, spices, perfumes, cotton, silks, and pearls.*
6. Who was Marco Polo, and where did he live originally?  
*Marco Polo was an Italian merchant from Venice, an important and rich seaport situated between Asia and Europe on the Mediterranean Sea.*
7. When did Marco Polo travel to China, and why did he go there?  
*In 1271, at seventeen years of age, Marco Polo traveled to China with his father and uncle to meet the famous Mongol emperor Kublai Khan and to experience the attractions of the East.*
8. What kinds of things did Marco Polo do when he lived in China?  
*For seventeen years, Marco Polo served in Kublai Khan's court, traveling as the emperor's ambassador as well as exploring different regions of Asia.*
9. What is the name of the famous but controversial book that Marco Polo wrote? What is it about?  
*When Marco Polo returned to Italy after many years in China, he wrote a book, The Description of the World, detailing his adventures and observations of the Far East. His book was widely read by Europeans, who were often skeptical about his strange and seemingly fanciful accounts.*
10. How did Marco Polo's life inspire others?  
*Marco Polo's stories and the scientific and cultural advances he brought back to Europe from China inspired other Europeans to travel and explore the Far East. It is claimed that Christopher Columbus himself brought Marco Polo's book on his exploring adventures to find a travel route to the East.*

1. IN THE 1200's, WHO MOST THREATENED EUROPE, AND WHERE DID THIS PEOPLE LIVE?



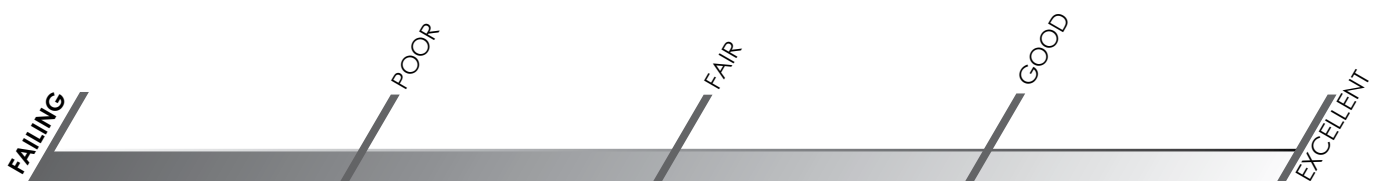
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2. NAME AND DESCRIBE THE MONGOL'S LEADER OF THE EARLY 1200's.



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3. HOW WAS HIS GRANDSON KUBLAI KHAN DIFFERENT AS AN EMPEROR?



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4. WHAT WAS THE SILK ROAD?

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5. WHAT WERE EUROPEAN TRADERS INTERESTED IN BUYING FROM ASIA?

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6. WHO WAS MARCO POLO, AND WHERE DID HE LIVE ORIGINALLY?

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7. WHEN DID MARCO POLO TRAVEL TO CHINA, AND WHY?

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8. WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DID MARCO POLO DO IN CHINA?

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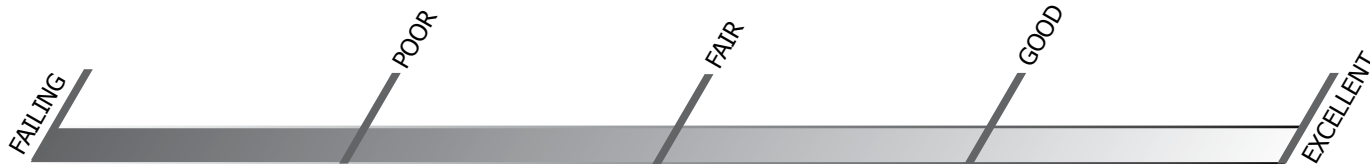
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9. WHAT FAMOUS BUT CONTROVERSIAL BOOK DID MARCO WRITE? WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

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10. HOW DID MARCO POLO'S LIFE INSPIRE OTHERS?



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