

Who Was Ibn Battuta?



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How can we find out about a significant person?

What do you know about this person?

What questions would you like to ask this person?



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Watch the video clip to find out who Ibn Battuta was.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-ibn-battuta/zmqgnrd>



Ibn Battuta

When did Ibn Battuta live?



Where do you think Ibn Battuta and these other significant people fit on the timeline? Click to find out!

The Tudors
(1485 – 1603)

The Victorians
(1837 – 1901)

1300

1500

1700

1900

2000

Ibn Battuta
was born in
1304 and
died in 1369.

William
Shakespeare
was born in
1564 and
died in 1616.



Neil Armstrong
was born in
1930 and died
in 2012.

Usain Bolt
was born in
1986.

Who was Ibn Battuta?



Ibn Battuta (1304 – 68) was a great explorer who was born in Tangier, Morocco. He spent nearly 30 years travelling! It is estimated that he travelled over 73,000 miles visiting the equivalent of 44 modern countries in his lifetime.

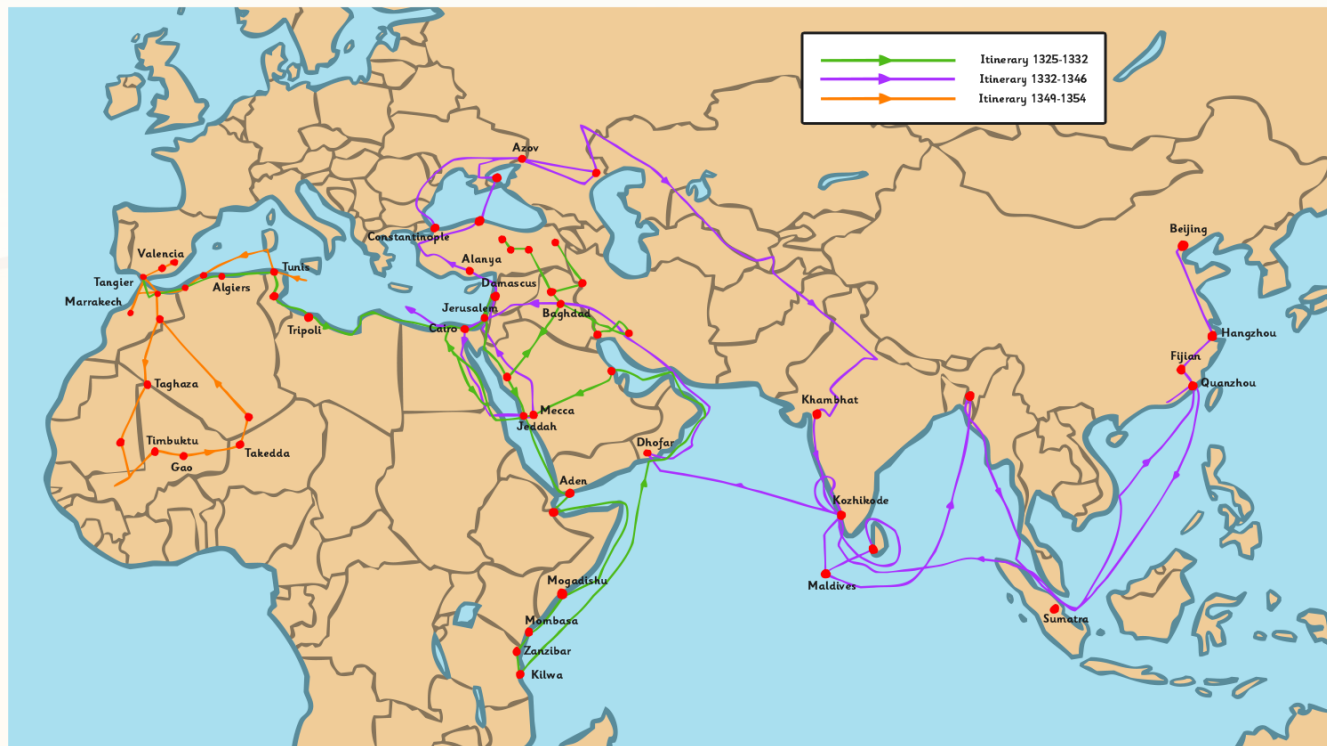
Travelling this much was very unusual at the time he lived and on his journeys he met people from very different cultures.



Ibn Battuta's Travels



1. What different countries did he travel to?
2. What type of landscapes do you think he came across
3. How did he travel?



What happened to Ibn Battuta?



When he returned from his travels in 1354, he dictated an account of his journey. *A Gift to Those Who Contemplate the Wonders of Cities and the Marvels of Travelling* which is more commonly known as the *Rihla*, meaning The Journey.

- Let's find out about some of his experiences...
- Where in the world do his stories take place?

We're going to find out some more about the places Ibn Battuta went to and what he found there!

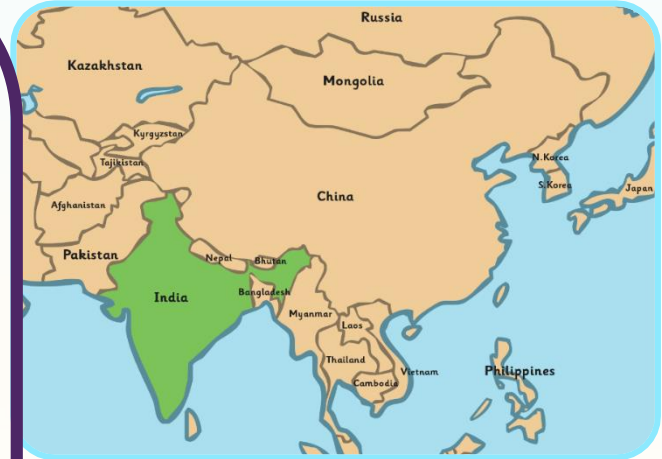


Escape From India!

I arrived in Delhi in 1334, needing to find work and money.

I worked as a judge for the Sultan Muhammad Tughluq for 7 years until 1341. He showered me with gifts and money, but he was a cruel man. The Sultan began to suspect that I was plotting against him, and he kept me under guard for nine days.

I had to go to live in a cave for five months to prove that I was worthy of the Sultan's trust. When I returned, the Sultan asked me to go to China to become an ambassador there. He knew my love of travelling, and although the journey was going to be dangerous, I could not refuse.



A few days outside of Delhi, we were attacked by bandits and I was separated from my companions. Ten horsemen chased me across the fields. I was able to escape by jumping into a ditch.

However, days later, I was robbed of everything except my shirt, trousers and cloak. Luckily, as I had nothing left to rob, my captors let me go in exchange for my clothes. Exhausted, barefooted, and wearing nothing but my trousers, I was rescued by a man who carried me to his village.



Painters in China


When I arrived in China I went through the painters' **bazaar** to the Sultan's palace with my friends. When I came back from the palace I walked through the bazaar again and saw that there were pictures of myself and my friends hung on the walls. They were amazing and looked just like us. We learned that when we were at the palace the painters had watched us and begun their paintings.

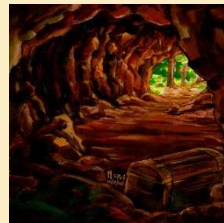
It is the custom in China to paint everyone who visits them. If a foreigner does something bad, they send his painting around the country and look for the foreigner. When someone is found who looks like the painting, they arrest him.

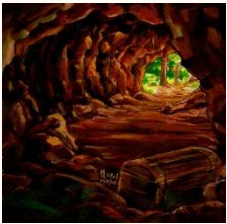


Ibn Battuta's Activity

- You are going to map out Battuta's adventures around the world.
- Use the work sheet to help you.
- In each box, use the photos to order Ibn Battuta's journey around the world.
- Underneath each box write a sentence to describe what happened there.
- In the first box, explain who Ibn Battuta was and what he is a significant individual.





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