

# Marco Polo in China

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## Readings

- **Required:** Peeps pages 264-266 ("People of the Steppe", "Genghis Khan", and "Kublai Khan")
- **Required:** Peeps pages 272-275 ("Marco Polo in China")
- **Required:** HA! Pages 205 – 213 ("Three Chinese Philosophies")
- Peeps pages 124-125 ("The Largest City") and pages 126-129 ("An Inventive People")

## Writing Task: imagine you are Marco Polo and write a journal describing what you see as you travel through China.

1. Write at least \_\_\_\_\_ journal entries. Each entry should be at least **three sentences long**.
  - a. Write and revise a rough draft (5 points).
  - b. The final draft should be typed or written neatly in black ink (15 points).
2. Include each of the following topics at least once in your entries:
  - a. Describe a person he would have met.
  - b. Describe a place he would have visited.
  - c. Describe something he might have seen (such an invention or artifact).
  - d. Describe a Chinese philosophy he would have learned about.
3. Ideas and content
  - a. Information must be historically **accurate**.
  - b. Descriptions should include **vivid details**. Use adjectives!
  - c. Be **creative** and original. Do not copy directly from the textbook.