

Text:

Abu Abdullah Muhammad Ibn Battuta, was a Moroccan Muslim scholar and traveller. He is known for his travelling called the 'Rihla'. His journeys lasted for a period of almost thirty years.

Ibn Battuta was born in Tangier, Morocco, on February 24th,1304 C.E. His family was of Berber origin. After receiving an education in Islamic law, he chose to travel : he left his house on June 1325 on a hajj (pilgrimage) to Mecca, but he did not come back to Morocco for at least 30 years. His journey was mostly by land : to reduce the risk of being attacked, he usually chose to join a caravan.

This man sailed down the Red Sea to Mecca. He crossed the huge Arabian Desert and travelled to Iraq and Iran. In 1330, he travelled to Aden and later to Tanzania. In 1332, he decided to go to India where he got the job of a judge for a period of 8 years and then left for China. In 1352, he went south, crossed the Sahara desert, and visited the African kingdom of Mali. Finally, he returned home in 1355 when he was appointed a judge in Morocco and died thirteen years later.

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Read the text then do the following activities :

Part One (14 points) : A/ Reading Comprehension:(07 points)

Activity 1: Read the text and answer the following questions: (02 Pts.)

- 1/ What do the underlined words in the text refer to ?(where-when)
- 2/ Did Ibn Battuta use to travel alone ?

Activity 2: Complete the table with events that correspond to the dates : (03 Pts.)

Dates (CE)	1325	1340	1368
Events			

Activity 3: Match each word with its appropriate meaning : (02 Pts.)

Word	Meaning
1. journey	a. continued in time
2. lasted	b. group of people who travel together by animals,...
3. caravan	c. trip/travel of a long distance
4. Aden	d. seaport / city in the Republic of Yemen

B / Mastery of Language: (07 points)

Activity One: Write the noun forms of the following verbs using a suffix:

(02 Pts.)

Verb	Noun
Sail	
Travel	
Tour	
Visit	

Activity Two: Combine the following sentences using relative pronouns :

(03 Pts.)

- 1/ Ibn Battuta went to Egypt in 1326. Ibn Battuta met many scholars there. **(who)**
2/ After Ramadan, he joined a caravan. It was going to Medinah. **(which)**
3/ Ibn Battuta dictated an account of his travels to Ibn Juzay. This man wrote the 'Rihla'. **(that)**

Activity Three: Pick out from the text four verbs and complete the table according to the pronunciation of their final (ed) :

(02 Pts.)

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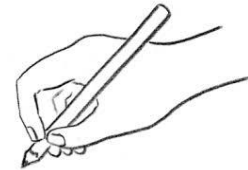
Part Two : Written Expression :

(06 Pts.)

Another famous name in the world of Arab and Muslim scholars is 'Ibn Khaldun'.

Write a short biography of this scholar using the information below :

- Historian -father of modern Sociology and Economics
- Tunisian - (1332 Tunis -1406 Cairo,Egypt)
- To study Islamic education,Mathematics,Philosophy,...
- His works : The Muqaddimah(1377), Asabyyah,Islamic Monetary Economics,...



Ibn Battuta



Ibn Khaldun