

Read and answer the questions

The Traveller of the Medieval World

Ibn Battuta was one of the world's greatest travellers. He was born in 1304 in Tangier in Morocco, North Africa and went to school there. In 1325 he began his travels, going first to Mecca, an important city in modern-day Saudi Arabia. He later decided that he wanted to travel to as many places as possible. He went on to Egypt, China and Tanzania and to famous cities such as Baghdad and Constantinople, which today is called Istanbul.

For almost 30 years, Ibn Battuta travelled the medieval world, visiting three continents and 40 countries, travelling around 120,000km. He enjoyed learning about other cultures and met many important people such as the rulers of the countries he visited.

Ibn Battuta wrote a book about his experiences. He called it "rihla". This is a word in Classical Arabic. It means 'journey'. We don't know exactly when Ibn Battuta died. Some believe it was in 1368 or 1369. Others say it was in 1377. What we know of him is that he was one of the world's greatest travellers.



1. What was his name? _____
2. Where was he born? _____
3. When was he born? _____
4. How many countries did he travel to? _____
5. How many years did he travel for? _____
6. What was he most famous for? _____
7. When did he die? _____
8. What did you like about him? _____