TRAVELLING THE WORLD

Today, many people travel around the world. It isn't difficult or expensive. We know a lot about places that are far away. But in the past, it was very different. Read on to find out about two famous travellers from history.

Ibn Battuta was born in Morocco in 1304. When he was a young man, Battuta studied and never travelled far from his home in Morocco. But, when he was 21 years old, he left home and travelled for almost 30 years. He went to 44 countries, including India and China. He visited famous cities, such as Granada, Beijing and Cairo. Battuta wrote about his travels when he was an old man.

Ferdinand Magellan was born in Portugal in 1480. His parents were rich, but they died when Magellan was young. In 1505, he became a sailor and travelled to Africa and India. In 1519, he left Spain with five ships and crossed the Atlantic Ocean. The journey was very dangerous and they arrived in the Philippines about 18 months later. Only one ship returned to Spain. Magellan didn't have GPS and only used maps and the stars to find his way. He is famous for being the first man from Europe to cross the Pacific Ocean.

Read the article about two famous travellers and complete the table.

What was his name?	1 _____	Ferdinand Magellan
Where was he born?	Morocco	4 _____
When was he born?	2 _____	5 _____
Where did he go?	3 _____	6 _____

Read the article again and answer the questions. Write complete sentences.

1   What did Ibn Battuta do before he left home?

2   How many years did Ibn Battuta travel for?

3   How many countries did Ibn Battuta go to?

4   What did he do when he was an old man?

5   When did Magellan become a sailor?

6   How long did the journey from Spain to the Philippines take?

7   How did Magellan find his way?