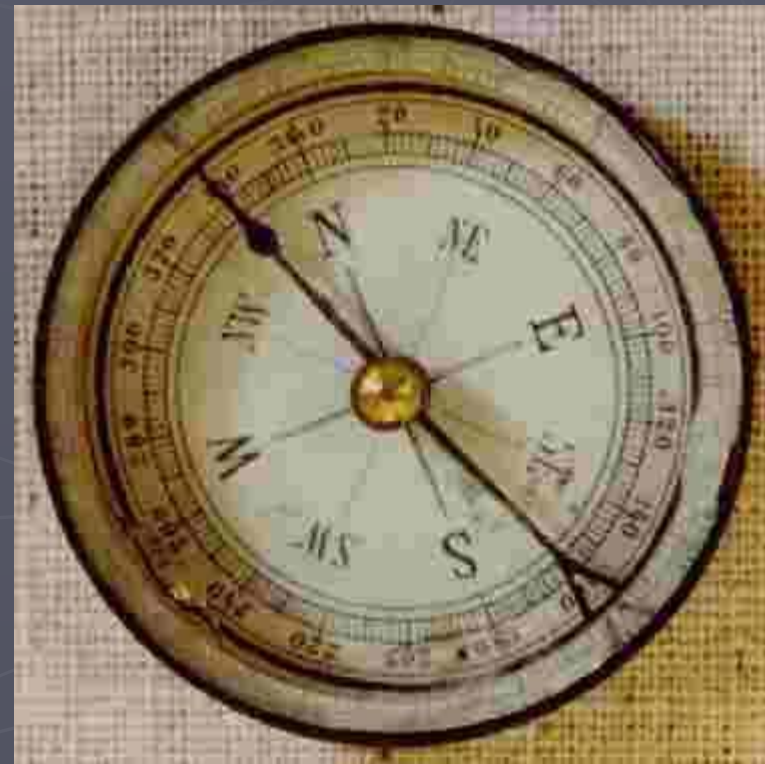
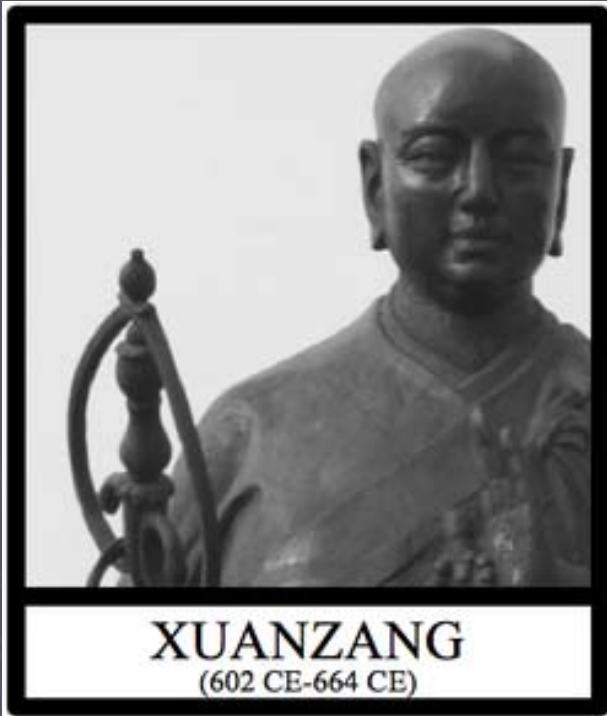


# Voyages, Trade, and Travelers in the Postclassical World



# Xuanzang (602-644)



- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> century Buddhist monk
- ▶ Purpose was to find true Buddhist scriptures in India
- ▶ Traveled on Silk Road, 629-645

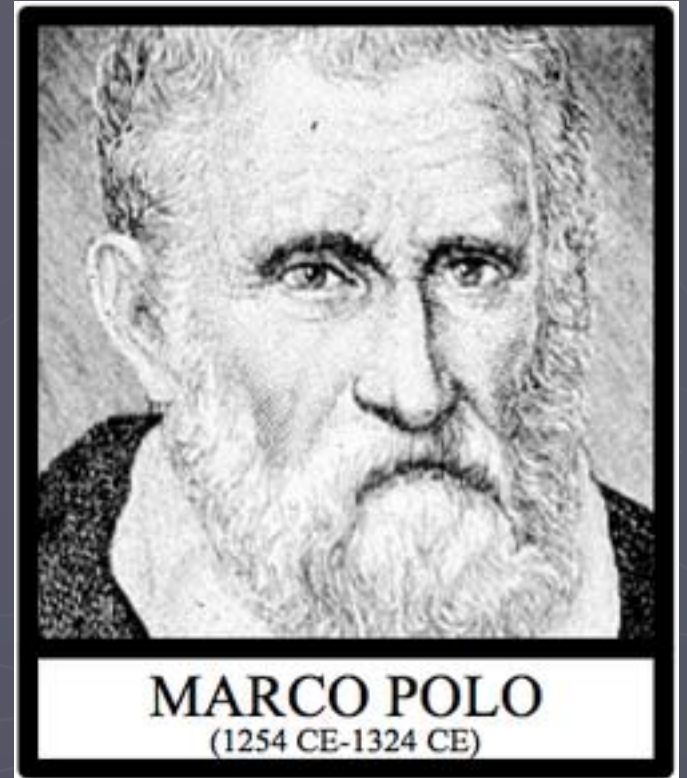
# Xuanzang (602-644)



- ▶ converted pirates who tried to rob him
- ▶ Importance: help understand Buddhism and cultures along Silk Road

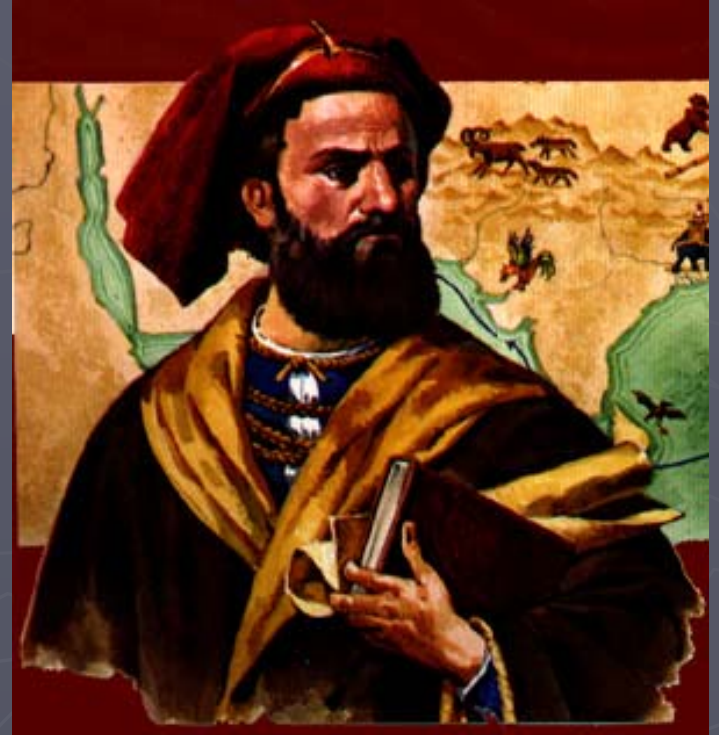
# Marco Polo (1254-1324)

- ▶ Born in Venice to wealthy trading family
- ▶ Traveled with father and uncle to China



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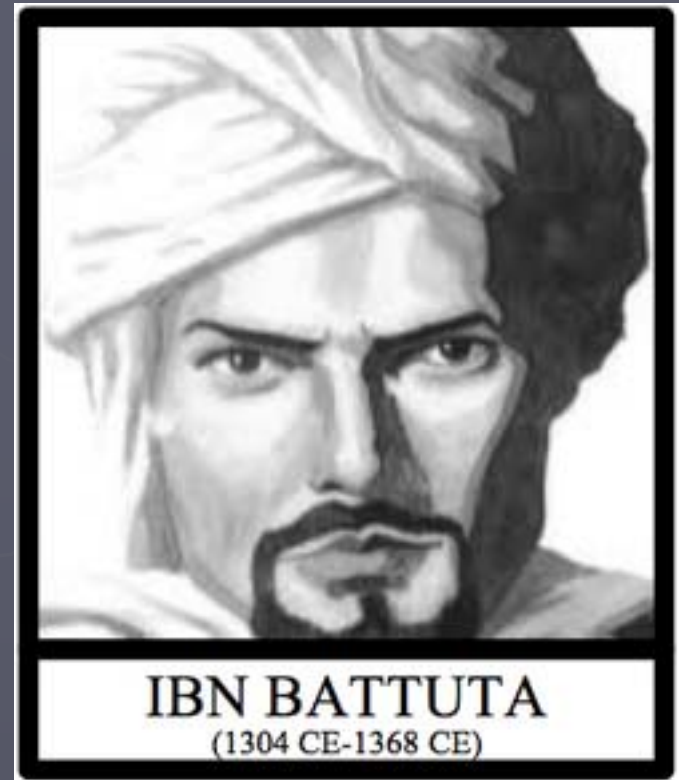
- ▶ Employed by Kublai Khan (Mongol ruler) for 17 years
- ▶ Importance: sparked European interest in the East; however...





# Ibn Battuta (1304-1368)

- ▶ Arab scholar
- ▶ Born in Morocco
- ▶ Visited Spain, Anatolia, West and East Africa, Arabia, Iraq, Persia, Central and Southeast Asia, India, China



# Ibn Btutta (1304-1368)



- ▶ Critical of Islam on the frontier
- ▶ Importance: illustrate vast expanse of Islamic civilization, never an “outsider”

