

Download Arab Marco Polo, Ibn Battuta

All that is known about Ibn Battuta's life comes from the autobiographical information included in the account of his travels, which records that he was of Berber descent, born into a family of Islamic legal scholars in Tangier, Morocco, on 24 February 1304, during the reign of the Marinid dynasty. He claimed descent from a Berber tribe known as the Lawata. Marco Polo was born in 1254 in the Republic of Venice, though the exact date and place of birth are archivally unknown. Marco Polo's birthplace is generally considered to be Venice, but some also claimed Constantinople and the island of Kor?ula as his birth place. There is dispute as to whether the Polo family is of Venetian origin, as Venetian historical sources considered them to be of ...The Arab equivalent of Marco Polo, Sheikh Ibn Battuta (1304-77) set out as a young man on a pilgrimage to Mecca that ended 27 years and 75,000 miles later. The Empire of Mali. Mali was known for its gold and great wealth. The year before Ibn Battuta left home to start his world travels, the Muslim emperor of Mali, Mansa Musa, had made a spectacular appearance in Cairo, Egypt.