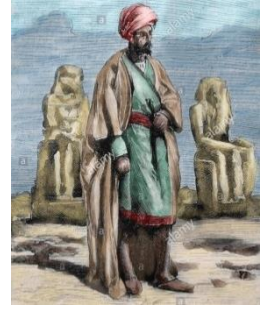# Ibn Battuta

Who Was Ibn Battuta?

Ibn Battuta was born in Morocco in 1304. He died in 1368.

Where did he go?

Ibn Battuta went to Mecca when he was 21. He was a Muslim and went on the hajj. When he was older, he went to Africa (**Somalia** and **Tanzania**) and then to **India** and **China**. His last trip was to **Spain** and **Mali (Africa)**.

How did he travel?

Ibn Battuta went in a boat to East Africa and used horses and camels to cross land.

What happened to him?

In Oman, someone tried to rob him and Ibn Battuta had to fight him. He lived and worked in India and the Sultan locked him up. He went to Spain to help people fight against the King. In Africa, he saw a hippopotamus.

Reading task – can you answer these questions?

1) When did Ibn Battuta live?
2) Where did Ibn Battuta go on his travels? Can you find these places on a map or globe?
3) Why did Ibn Battuta not fly?
4) Can you draw a picture of something Ibn Battuta did or saw?

Challenge Task

Imagine you were exploring with Ibn Battuta. Write a postcard home about what you might have seen or done.