

Answers

Sentence	Does it belong in the paragraph with the above topic sentence?
Marco described the vast Asian trading network and, in particular, the thriving silk, iron, and salt industries.	YES
His father and uncle were prosperous merchants who had already begun trading with Chinese and Eastern merchants.	NO
He also described the foreign concept of paper money as well as Chinese inventions such as porcelain pottery (China) and paperback books.	YES
After he returned to Italy, Marco was imprisoned during a clash between Venice and Genoa.	NO
While in prison, Marco dictated his observations to a fellow prisoner.	NO
Marco wrote that Khan's city (known as Cambuluc) was the most fantastic city in the world.	YES

Marco soon became a trusted advisor to Kublai Khan and began recording his observations of the great ruler and his vast territories, palaces, arms, and riches. Marco described the vast Asian trading network and, in particular, the thriving silk, iron, and salt industries. He also described the foreign concept of paper money as well as Chinese inventions such as porcelain pottery (China) and paperback books. Marco wrote that Khan's city (known as Cambuluc) was the most fantastic city in the world.