**Marco Polo and the Silk Road**

old memories became news

born in beautiful Venice

father and uncle made a trip for life

later took Marco with them

hardest trip over beautiful terrains

Missionaries soon gave up

alone through the huge, dry, hot Gobi Desert

hot, cannot find any water during the day

freezing during the night

meetings with caravans along the trip

camels are gasping for air

met the strong, powerful Kublai Khan

work in government for wealth

China was enormously advanced

printing, paper money, knowledge to make silk

so peaceful in China, war in Venice

Venice and Genoa fight for miditeren sea

fight until death

Venice lost and Marco in prison

prison made history

all on paper in prison time

a million stories or a million lies

nobody knows

Maximilian

Grade 7