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Artifacts from
Marco Polo's
Travels

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Venice, Italy

This is the birth place of Marco Polo. Marco Polo was born in 1254. In 1261, Marco's father and uncle left for Constantinople. They returned in 1270. In 1271, Marco, his uncle, and his father, left for the court of Kublai Khan in China. Marco was 17 when the journey began. Marco Polo died in 1324 at the age of 70, in Venice.

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The orange arrows represent

The Silk Road extended



Badakhshan
This is where Marco Polo first set foot in the East. He was captured by the Mongols and spent several years in prison before being released and sent back to Europe.

Kashgar, China
This was the first major city that Marco Polo visited in the East. It was a bustling trade center and a key stop on the Silk Road.

Cambalu, Beijing, China
Cambalu was the capital of the Mongol Empire. Marco Polo spent several years here, serving as an advisor to the Khan. He was one of the first Europeans to visit the city.

Yanzhou, China
Marco Polo worked as a tax inspector in Yanzhou for three years. It was a major port city and a key center of trade.

Hangzhou, China
This was the largest and most prosperous city in the world at the time. Marco Polo spent a significant amount of time here, describing its wonders in detail.

Badakhshan

This is where Marco contracted an illness. The Polo's stayed here for one year, until Marco got better.

Dunhuang, China

This was the first major city the Polo's passed through on their journey.

Cambaluc (Beijing), China

Cambaluc, now known as Beijing, was the capital of Khan's empire. It was the final destination for the Polo's. They reached Peking nearly three and a half years and 5600 miles after they began. There, Marco was appointed an important position in the court of Kublai Khan.

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The orange arrows represent the route taken back to Venice by the Polo's.

The Silk Road extended from Europe to the Pacific Coast, and as far South as Indonesia. The blue represents the water trade routes. The pink represents the land trade routes.

Sarakkhan
This is where Marco Polo first set foot in the East. The fact that he had to go over the mountains of the Pamirs and the Gobi Desert was a great feat for a man of his time.

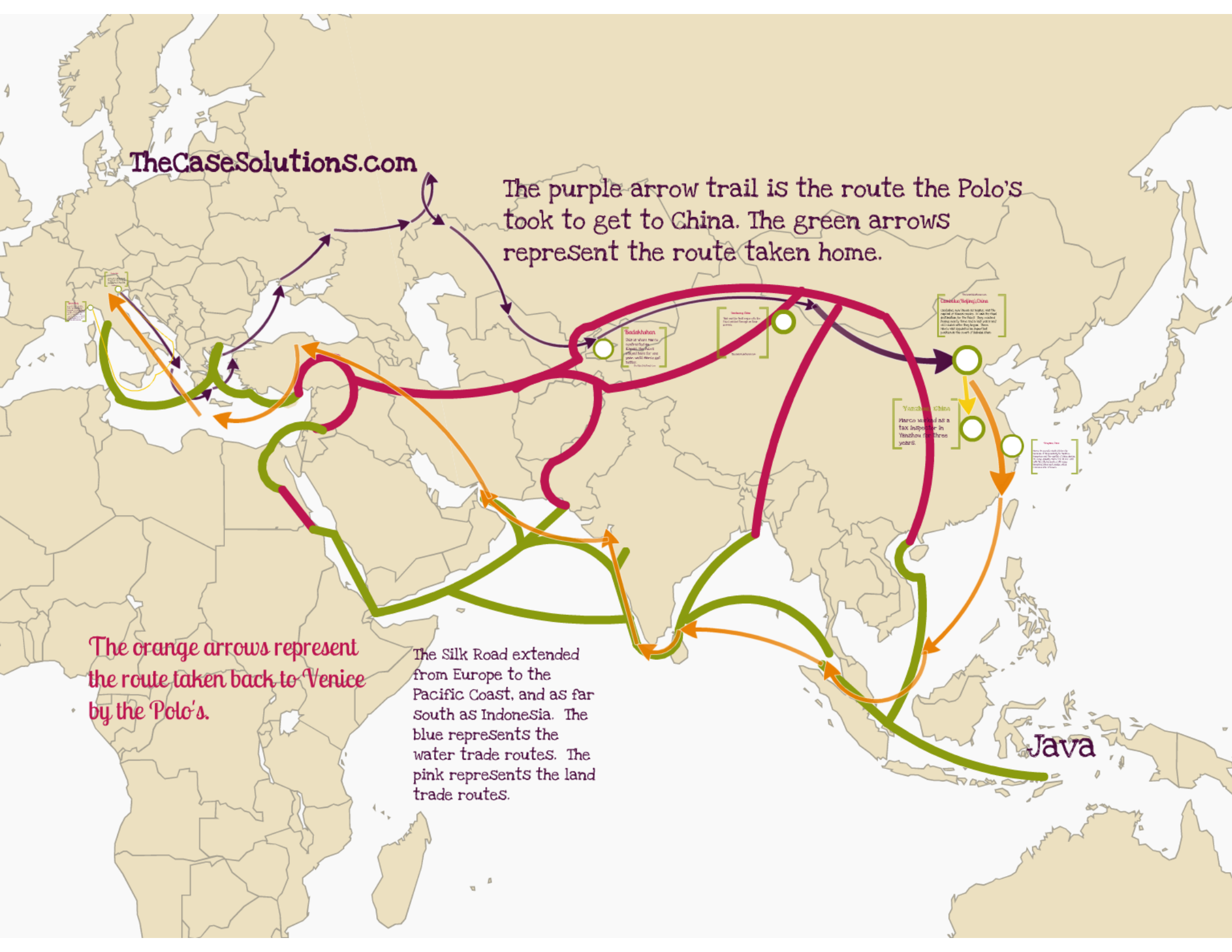
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