

# Safari!!! A Travel Log Across the Sahara

## Part I

1. Who are you? Describe yourself.
2. Who else is going with you? Describe them. Describe why it is good they are going with you.
3. Describe who Ibn Battuta is and why he is going with you.
4. How long will the travel one way across the Sahara Desert take? Around 60 days for one way travel
5. What months will you go on your journey? Caravans started in September, so they had five months of the coldest weather in the Sahara before it got really hot in February.
6. Why are you traveling? To trade to make money/ make a living/ feed your family.
7. What date is it? 1352
8. What city are you starting from? Could be Tunis, or Egypt. Somewhere in the North East of Africa.
9. How will you travel? Camel, walk
10. What supplies do you need? Water, what type of food? You will have to research this! Any tools? You will have to research this!
11. Keep in mind that in Part 3 you will arrive in Taghaza. Look it up on a map so you know where it is.
12. What are you trading? One thing you are bringing from Northeastern Africa is SALT. What did you want to buy from the West Africans for trading salt? Gold, Ivory, Hides, and Slaves.

## Parts II, III, and III

You can figure this out by the other page of instructions and by your research.

## Part V

Salt for Gold Trading – This happened in many places through a Silent Trade. To perform a silent trade, one group of traders would go to a specific location, leave their trading goods and then withdraw to a distance. Then play a drum to signal the other traders that a silent trade was taking place. The other group of traders would then approach and inspect the goods (most commonly [salt](#) or [gold](#)). If the goods met with approval, the second group would then take the goods, leave their own goods in return, and depart. This system of trading was used in particular in ancient [Ghana](#). It was also used among the [Kushites](#) and the [Aksumites](#).