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| **OUTLINE**  The Big Picture: Spiritual Benefits  Chaco Canyon  Pilgrimage on the Silk Road  The Sacred Route o Santiago de Compostela  Ibn Battuta on the Road to Mecca  In the Presence of Buddhist Relics  Bound for Compostela  Ibn Battuta: Back on the Road to Mecca  Fa Xian Reaches His Goal  In the Presence of Saint James  The Bigger Picture: Common Features of Pilgrimage | | **THINKING ABOUT THE BIG PICTURE**   1. According to the author, what general characteristics define pilgrims and pilgrimage? In addition, why is understanding the political context of pilgrimage important? 2. Compare and contrast Fa Xian, the French pilgrim, and Ibn Battuta’s experiences on their pilgrimage routes as well as their experiences at their destinations (India, Santiago de Compostela, and Mecca). 3. After examining the experiences of Fa Xian, the French pilgrim, and Ibn Battuta, what common elements of pilgrimage does the author identify? |
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