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- Who went there?
- Why did they go there?
- When did they go there and what were the major events?
- How did they get there? (describe the journey)
- What was life like there? (include society/economy/family/wars/hardships/etc.)

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