

Creating Personality Profiles

Occupation:

Conqueror

Ethnicity:

Mongolian



Genghis Khan

Religion: Animism- the belief that supernatural power is found in natural phenomenon and plants such as wind, water, trees, etc.

How would you describe his personality?

Smart, Ruthless, Charismatic

Occupation:

Merchant

Ethnicity:

Italian



Marco Polo.

Religion:

Christian

How would you describe his personality?

Adventurous

Occupation:

King

Religion:

Islam

Ethnicity:

Mali



Mansa Musa

How would you describe his personality?

Generous

The following description of the visit to Cairo, Egypt in 1324 by the King of Mali, Mansa Musa, was written by Al-Umari, who visited Cairo several years after the Mansa Musa's visit.

From the beginning of my coming to stay in Egypt I heard talk of the arrival of this sultan Musa on his Pilgrimage and found the people of Cairo eager to recount what they had seem of the Africans' prodigal spending.

I asked the mayor of Cairo Abu...and he told me of the luxury, manliness, and goodness of Mansa Musa....

Then he (Musa) forwarded to the royal treasury many loads of gold stones and other valuables. I tried to persuade him to go up to the fortress to meet the sultan, but he refused persistently saying: "I came for the Hajj and nothing else. I do not wish to mix anything else with my Hajj."

(Mansa Musa relents and meets with the Sultan of Egypt, but will not bow & kiss his hand, but Musa refuses because he only bows to Allah. The writer tells us the two men have a great talk.)

This man [Mansa Musa] flooded Cairo with his goodness. He left no royal officer without the gift of a load of gold. The people of Cairo made incalculable profits out of him and his suite in buying and selling and giving and taking. They exchanged gold until they made the value of gold drop in Egypt...Gold was at a high price in Egypt until Mansa Musa and his entourage came in that year....The drop in gold has been the state of affairs for about twelve years until this day by reason of the large amount of gold which they brought into Egypt and spent there.