

The Story of Robert Morrison

Missionary to China



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2024 QUIZ

Senior Section

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This quiz is based on the TBS article 'Robert Morrison: missionary to China' which can be found online at www.tbsbibles.org/robertmorrison.

1. a) In what year was Robert Morrison born?
- b) In which county was he born?
- c) What number child was he in the family?
- d) What was the occupation of Robert's father?
- e) What did the children learn as they grew up?
- f) How old was Robert when he was apprenticed to his father's trade?

2. As Robert grew up, he sadly fell into poor company. What effect did this have on his life?

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3. To which OCCUPATION did Robert feel a call to?

Who showed OPPOSITION to this call?

Who did Robert OBEY until he received their blessing?

4. Can you list five subjects Robert studied in Newcastle?

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5. When he was 22 Robert joined the

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6. Before Robert could go to China he had to undergo further study. Indicate whether these statements are TRUE or FALSE?

Robert had to learn astronomy.	TRUE/FALSE
Robert learnt the Chinese language from a missionary.	TRUE/FALSE
Robert shared lodgings with Yong Sam-tak.	TRUE/FALSE
Robert did not need to learn about the culture.	TRUE/FALSE
The Missionary Directors asked Robert to compile the Chinese alphabet.	TRUE/FALSE
Robert needed to travel to China to learn more.	TRUE/FALSE
There were many freedoms in China for missionaries.	TRUE/FALSE

7. Robert entered China in 1807 when missionary work was highly restricted.

- a) **Teaching Chinese to foreigners** – what would happen if you were caught?

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- b) **Talking to foreigners** – what was the only reason you could converse?

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- c) **Trusting foreigners** – how were you treated on arrival in China?

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8. Robert Morrison did not receive a warm welcome when he eventually arrived in Macau. Cross out the incorrect part of the answers below.

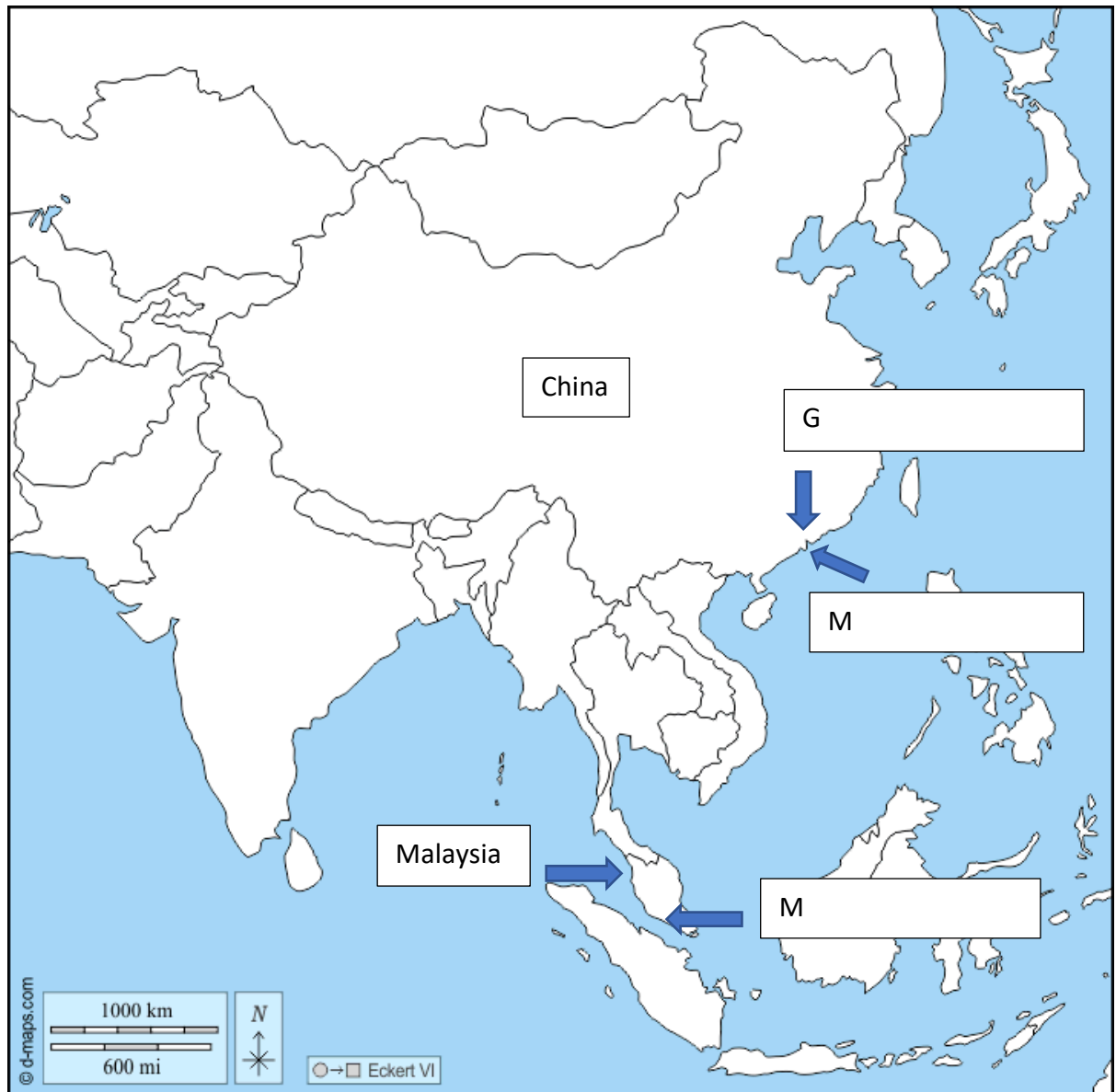
- a) Robert was **given special clothes/stripped**.
b) He was **interviewed/had a meal put in front of him**.
c) He was expelled/welcome by the **authorities**.

9. Re-arrange the letters to discover how Robert learnt the Chinese language.

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10.



a) Colour in the border of China in red and then label the map as follows:

- Guangzhou indicating where Robert Morrison worked.
- Macau where Robert met Mary Morrison.

b) Colour in the country of Malaysia in yellow and then label the map as follows:

- Malacca where the printing press and a mission station was based.

11. Robert decided to try and live like the Chinese but it attracted unwanted attention. Using the words given below, write a paragraph explaining how he did this.

CLOTHES CHINESE HAIR SHOES CHOPSTICKS FOOD

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12. Life was very difficult for Robert working on the Bible translation and dictionary alone in his room and he was surrounded by unfriendly people in a hostile city. He had to flee to Macau to continue his work. Here he met the lady who was to become his wife. What was her name?

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13. What job did Robert accept to help with his finances?

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14. Robert had to leave Mary in Macau when he returned to live in Guangzhou, and the journeys to and fro were dangerous, but they were blessed with two children.

What were their names?

..... (who sadly died the same day)

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15. In what year was the CHINESE GRAMMAR BOOK sent to print?

16. Robert witnessed two great encouragements to him in his work in 1813. What were they?

a) The arrival of

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b) The completion and publication of

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17. What was the punishment for anyone breaking the new law introduced by the Chinese Authorities for printing and publishing Christian books in China?

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18. Fill in the missing words all beginning with the letter 'M'

The next step was to find a place where they could base a m..... station.

They decided on M....., in M..... as it had

m..... of transporting m.....to almost any part of China

and William M..... settled there.

19. Join up the first and second parts of the sentence, by using different coloured felt tipped pens, to continue with the account of Robert's life.

In 1814 Robert baptised

leaving Robert on his own

The new Chinese grammar book finally

dismissed Robert from working

The Morrises had their second son,

Tsae A-Ko

Mary had to

to interpret for Lord Amherst's embassy

She took their two small children with her

called John

The East India Company

arrived from the printers

In 1817 Robert was sent

return to England

20. Please complete the crossword.

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2. 1818 saw the publication of the whole Chinese

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4. The hub in Malaya became known as the Ultra

Ganges

6. What did people study at the Anglo-Chinese college?

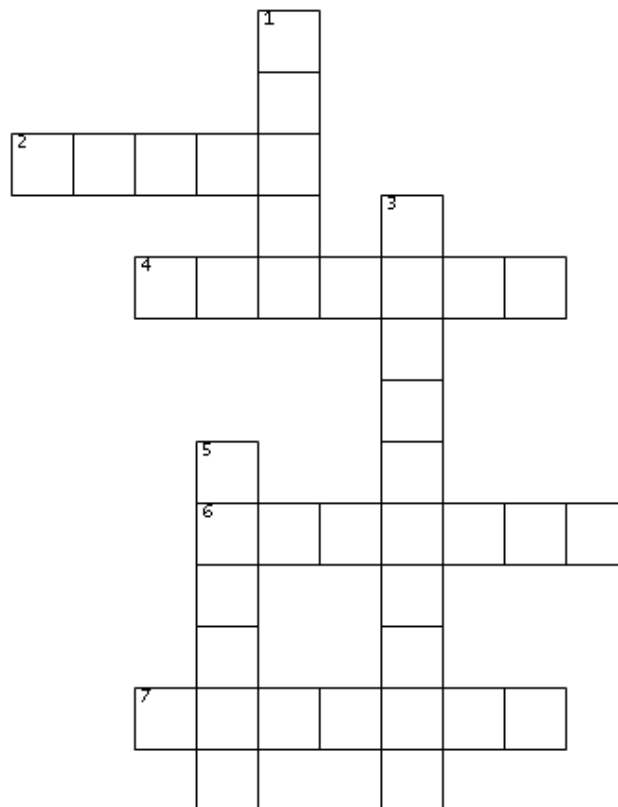
7. Robert was upset by the and suffering of the poor people.

Down:

1. The settlement had printing

3. What did Robert set up in China to treat ill people?

4. What was set up for children?



21. The numbers below signify an important event in the later years of Robert Morrison.

Write a short sentence explaining this next to each number.

1821

1822

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1824

1826

22. When Robert and Eliza returned to China with their family, they found many things had changed. However, the little church was growing. In 1832 Robert felt he was reaching the end of his work.

Can you list the FIVE things that had grown up during the time that Robert Morrison had been a missionary in China?

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)
- e)

23. In June 1834 Robert preached his last sermon from the first seven words in John 14 verse 2. Write the words out below.

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24. Robert Morrison died in his son's arms on 1 August 1834 aged 52 years and was buried in Macau. He was the first Protestant missionary to China. What two words describe the way he served for twenty-seven years?

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25. What do you think was Robert's biggest and most important achievement?

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Just before Robert arrived in China, someone asked him,

'Do you really expect to make an impression on the great Chinese empire?'

Robert had replied, 'No Sir, I expect God will.'

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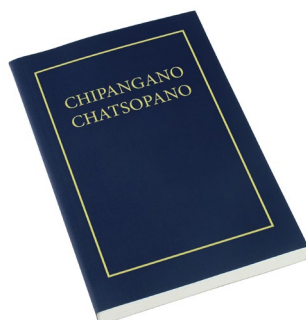
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