The Travels of Ibn Battuta: A Guided Arabic Reader

A unique and richly engaging approach to teaching Arabic at the high intermediate to advanced level

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