

The Silk Road

Part 1: Watch the Silk Road: Connecting the Ancient World Through Trade YouTube video. As you watch, briefly note the following information in the organizer below.

What was it?	
Where was it?	
Who was involved?	
Why was it created/expanded?	
Significance of the Silk Road?	

Part 2: After completing and reflecting on the Silk Road class simulation, label goods traded from China, Persia, India, Arabia, Southeast Asia, and Europe on the Silk Road map.



Part 3: Access the Silk Road reading online and answer the following questions.

1. How did the growth of imperial power expand trade?
2. What were the Pax Sinica and Pax Romana, and how did they impact trade?
3. Why were camels the best way for traders to move their goods on land?
4. What was the role of women in silk production, and why is that role significant?
5. What effects did trade have beyond moving goods?

Part 4: (Brief Assessment)

1. Which statement explains why the development of the Silk Road benefited the Chinese economy?
 - a. it decreased the cost of exporting goods.
 - b. it enabled Chinese workers to migrate to job locations.
 - c. it created access to an abundant supply of raw materials.
 - d. it opened new markets for Chinese producers.
2. Which factor contributed most to the spread of Buddhism from India to China?
 - a. trade between peoples
 - b. forced migrations
 - c. military conquests
 - d. religious intolerance