

GRADE 9 · SLIDE DECK

World History Sample: The Silk Road

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What we'll cover today

DAY 01

The Silk Road: Trade,
Culture, and Global
Connection

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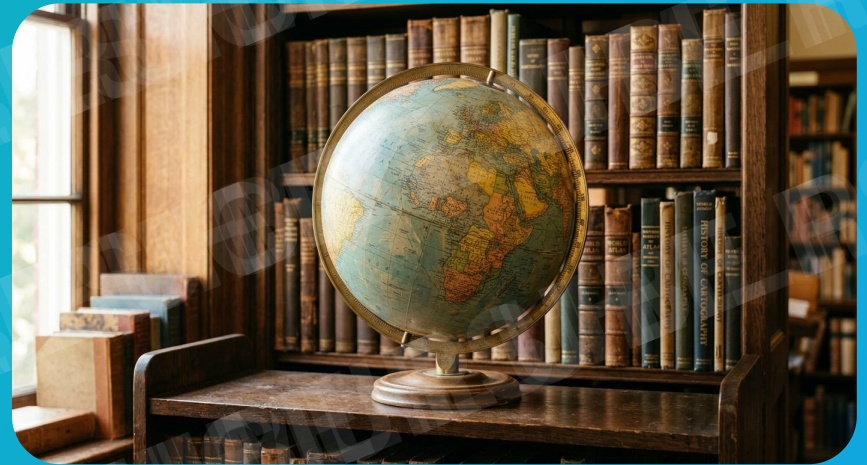
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The Silk Road: Trade, Culture, and Global Connection

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end you'll...

- Locate the major routes of the Silk Road on a world map.
- Analyze how the exchange of goods reshaped civilizations along the route.
- Evaluate the cultural and religious ideas that spread East ↔ West.
- Draw parallels between the Silk Road and modern global supply chains.



WORDS TO KNOW

Vocabulary

SILK ROAD

A network of overland and maritime trade routes connecting East Asia to the Mediterranean from ~200 BCE to 1450 CE.

CARAVANSERAI

A roadside inn where travelers and their animals could rest safely during Silk Road journeys.

SOFT POWER

Influence gained by spreading culture, religion, or ideas rather than through military force.

DIASPORA

A community of people scattered from their original homeland, often maintaining cultural ties.



HANDS-ON

Let's do it!

1

Silk Road Trade Simulation

Assign students to be Chinese silk merchants, Persian spice traders, or Venetian buyers. Trade using play currency and track profits along the route. Discuss who took the biggest r

2

Two Journeys Compare

In pairs, students read short excerpts from Marco Polo (Venice → China) and Ibn Battuta (Morocco → China). Each pair identifies one traded good, one cultural exchange, and one dang



CHECK YOUR THINKING

Practice questions

Q1

Name three goods that traveled westward along the Silk Road.

Q2

Which religion traveled from India westward along these routes?

Q3

Why were caravanserais important?

Q4

How does the Silk Road compare to modern global trade?



FOR THE EDUCATOR

Teacher Answer Key

Organized by day and activity. Every numbered question is matched with its expected answer for quick classroom reference.

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PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Q1 Name three goods that traveled westward along the Silk Road.

A. Silk, paper, tea, porcelain, or gunpowder (any three).

Q2 Which religion traveled from India westward along these routes?

A. Buddhism.

Q3 Why were caravanserais important?

A. They provided safe rest, food, and water for travelers and their animals during long, dangerous journeys.

Q4 How does the Silk Road compare to modern global trade?

A. Both connected distant regions economically and culturally. The Silk Road is the earliest large-scale example of the global supply chains and cultural exchanges we still rely on today.

Great work, scientist!

Thanks for exploring World History Sample: The Silk Road

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