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**Topic 2.1 Reading Check**

1. How did the demand for luxury goods revive the Silk Roads?
2. How did the Crusades lead to increased trade?
3. What items were trades along the Silk Roads and where did they go? Create a chart to represent the traded goods.
4. What empires/civilizations were involved in the first Silk Road Golden Age?
5. Who revived the Silk Road, leading to a second Silk Road Golden Age?
6. What did Tang China import and export?
7. How did the Mongols impact the Silk Road. Be sure to address safety, security, new trade routes, infrastructure, and population benefits.
8. What improvements increased trade along the Silk Road?
9. Compare/contrast the dhow and junk. What benefits did the junk provide for sea trade travel?
10. What is the significance of Kashgar?
11. Describe the syncretism that occurred in Kashgar.
12. What is the importance of Samarkand?
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14. What is a caravanserai? How was the distance determined? How did they benefit Silk Road travelers?
15. What is a money economy?
16. What are the disadvantages of barter and metal coin money?
17. Describe the flying cash system.
18. How does the modern banking system mimic the flying cash system?
19. What is a bill of exchange?
20. How did credit and money innovations benefit trade?
21. What was the Hanseatic League?
22. How did the Hanseatic League operate?
23. Why did the Hanseatic League disband?
24. How did increases in demand impact production of silk, porcelains, iron, and steel?

**Topic 2.2 Reading Check**

1. Describe the Mongols’ reputation. Was it deserved? Defend your answer.
2. In what ways did environment help shape Mongolian culture?
3. How did Temujin gather and keep power?
4. What is a kuriltai?
5. How did the Mongols defeat the Jin Empire?
6. What is a khanate?
7. What made Mongolian soldiers so effective?
8. How did communication systems help the Mongols?
9. Which groups would be spared by the Mongols? Why would they be spared?
10. What are siege weapons?
11. How did the Mongols benefit from the groups they conquered?
12. What was the Pax Mongolica?
13. What were Genghis Khan’s social policies?
14. What is the Uyghur alphabet?
15. Who was Batu? What was the Golden Horde?
16. Describe the conquests of the Golden Horde.
17. How did the Mongols maintain power in Russia?
18. How did Russia eventually overthrow Mongol rule?
19. What were the Mongolian impacts on Russia?
20. Who was Hulegu? How did Hulegu establish the Il-khanate?
21. How did Islam change Hulegu and other Mongols in the Il-khanate?
22. Who was Kublai Khan? How did Kublai Khan defeat the Song Dynasty and capture China?
23. How did Kublai Khan rule China?
24. Describe the life of Mongol women.
25. What caused the decline and downfall of the Mongols?
26. What were the long-term impacts of the Mongols?

**Topic 2.3 Reading Check**

1. Why could Dar-al-Islam be considered the world’s first global empire?
2. How did Islam help connect Indian Ocean trade cities?
3. What was Calicut’s role in the Indian Ocean trade system?
4. Why were present-day Malaysia and Indonesia known as the Spice Islands?
5. What trade goods did the following regions produce: India, Spice Islands, Swahili coast (East Africa), China, and SW Asia?
6. Describe the Indian Ocean slave trade. How was life different for those slaves compared to slaves in the Atlantic Ocean slave trade?
7. Why was knowledge of monsoon wind critical for Indian Ocean trading?
8. What is the benefit of the lateen sail, stern rudder, and astrolabe?
9. How did Indian Ocean trade allow Melacca to expand and then made them a target of the Portuguese?
10. What is a diaspora?
11. How did Muslim merchants spread Islam and create diasporic communities in South Asia?
12. Where were the following diasporic communities located: Muslim, Chinese, Sogdian, Jewish, and Malay?
13. What were the effects of increased demand for products?
14. What was the role of Gujarat?
15. What does Swahili mean?
16. What was the role of the Swahili city-states?
17. How did the Indian Ocean trade benefit East Africa?
18. Who was Zheng He?
19. How do the voyages of Zheng He demonstrate the benefits and the negative effects of trade?

**Topic 2.4 Reading Check**

1. Why have so few societies inhabited the Sahara Desert?
2. What caused Saharan trade to increase during the 13th and 14th centuries?
3. What is an oasis? How are they formed? How would it benefit travelers along the trans-Saharan trade routes?
4. From what region is the camel native? Why were camels easy to adapt to the trans-Saharan trade routes?
5. Compare the benefits of the three camel saddles (back of hump, on hump, Somali saddle). Which one was best for trading?
6. What items would camels carry along the trans-Saharan trade routes?
7. Create a graphic to show the exchange of trade goods between West Africa and Europe/Asia.
8. How was Islam introduced to sub-Saharan Africa?
9. What contributed to the downfall of Ghana?
10. How was Islam introduced to Mali?
11. How did the Malian government profit?
12. What were Timbuktu and Gao?
13. How did the expanding trade lead to an expanding government in Mali?
14. Who was Sundiata? How did Sundiata become king of Mali and expand Mali’s influence and wealth?
15. Who was Mansa Musa? Describe Mansa Musa’s hajj and its impact on Islam.
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**Topic 2.5 Reading Check**

1. Why did goods and people travel relatively freely through the networks of exchange from 1200 CE to 1450 CE?
2. What was diffused by trade (technology, art, literature) that contributed to making the known world “a larger place”? What is meant by “The known world became a larger place.”?
3. Describe the impact of religion diffusion.
4. How did Buddhism impact East Asian culture? Be sure to include Zen Buddhism, Neo Confucianism, and Buddhism’s impact on China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam.
5. How did the spread of Hinduism and Buddhism impact Southeast Asia? Why syncretic evidence remains that shows the influence of both religions?
6. How and where did Islam spread?
7. What is Islam’s cultural impact in Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia?
8. How did Islamic scholars preserve and spread knowledge?
9. How did agricultural improvements lead to growth of industries and cities?
10. How did papermaking lead to a growth in literacy?
11. How did seafaring technology impact trade and cultural diffusion?
12. How did knowledge of gunpowder/guns impact warfare?
13. How did Marco Polo preserve knowledge of Huangzhou? Describe the city at the time of Marco Polo’s visit.
14. How did trade lead to growth, which in turn led to diversity?
15. What were Samarkand and Kashgar?
16. What factors contribute to the growth of cities?
17. What could cause a city to decline?
18. What caused the declines of Kashgar and Constantinople?
19. What were cultural, environmental, and economic impacts of the Crusades?
20. Compare the travels of Marco Polo, Ibn Battuta, and Margery Kempe.

**Topic 2.6 Reading Check**

1. Why was disease the most dramatic consequence of interregional trade (HINT: Boccaccio quote)?
2. How did the introduction of new crops impact food production and the environment?
3. What was Champa rice’s impact on population growth, land use, and growth of cities?
4. What was the banana’s impact on population growth, migration, and land use?
5. What crops did Muslim merchants spread?
6. How did European involvement in the sugar trade lead to a growth in slavery?
7. What is environmental degradation?
8. How did population impact the environment in Africa, Europe, and Mesoamerica (people impacting the environment examples)?
9. How did the Little Ice Age impact agricultural production in Europe (environment impacting people example)?
10. How did trade networks help to spread diseases?
11. What was the bubonic plague? Which invention may have helped to spread the Black Death?
12. What was the Black Death’s impact on Europe’s population, agricultural production, and labor?
13. Which areas were spared from the Black Death and why were they spared?