

# **TED Ed:** The Silk Road: Connecting the Ancient World Through Trade



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With modern technology, a global exchange of goods and ideas can happen at the click of a button. But what about 2,000 years ago? Shannon Harris Castelo unfolds the history of the 5,000-mile Silk Road, a network of multiple routes that used the common language of commerce to connect the world's major settlements, thread by thread.

1. Which of the following factors hindered early connections between early river valley civilizations?
  - a. Physical geography and fear of the unknown
  - b. Overreliance on agricultural production
  - c. Political restrictions on trade
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2. What role did nomadic people play in the establishment of the Silk Road trade?
  - a. Nomadic people stopped trade from occurring along the Silk Roads
  - b. Nomadic tribes played not significant role in the development of trade
  - c. Nomadic people became dependent on the Silk Roads for their survival
  - d. Nomadic tribes established some of the earliest trade along what would become the Silk Roads
3. The conquests of which Greek leader led to the expansion of the Silk Road?
  - a. Darius I
  - b. Zhang Qian
  - c. Alexander the Great
  - d. Pericles
4. What religion makes it way from India along Silk Roads to China?
  - a. Islam
  - b. Buddhism
  - c. Sikhism
  - d. Hinduism
5. The diffusion of maritime technology, like the magnetic compass, led to which effect?
  - a. The dawn of the Age of Exploration and the seeking of alternative trade routes to Asia
  - b. The establishment of more extensive overland trade routes
  - c. The immediate end of all trade in Asia
  - d. The strengthening of Silk Road trade routes

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Teacher Answer Key

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