**Wonders of the Silk Road**

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Please answer these questions in response to the film at <http://www.unesco.org/archives/multimedia/?s=films_details&pg=33&id=3415>

1. What nations were connected by the Silk Road and what are some of the major cities that grew up along this great trade network?

China, present-day Uzbekistan, Iraq Syria, turkey and Italy. Cities from each Xi’an, Bukhara, Baghdad, Damascus, Constantinople, Venice

1. What two great religions were diffused by way of this route?

Buddhism and Islam

1. What is special about Bukhara?

Center of trade and culture along the silk road

1. What are some other items (beside silk) that were moved along the silk road as merchant goods?

Precious metals, gems, tea, porcelain, paper, ivory and animals

1. What is the basic language family of this region (aside from Tajik)?

Turkic

1. What animal is dominant in the culture of these nations?

The Horse

After the video is done, take a few minutes to use your device to look up information to answer the following questions:

1. The Mongol Empire had a huge influence on this region and helped develop the Silk Road as a trade route. Please describe one cultural site that was built during the reign of one of the Khans, including: Name, country, city, purpose, condition today, local mix of ethnicities in that city, your impressions of what this place looks like.

Erdene Zuu Monastery in Mongolia built by Abati Khan and server as a monastery and museum, it is in relatively good condition today, represents a mix of Mongolian and Tibetan Buddhist architectural styles.

1. Consider the range of places you have explored and that are discussed in the film. Over what distance are these locations spread? What is the range of ethnicities along this route?

Thousands of Miles, Chinese, Turkic, Persian, Arab, Indian, European Ethic Groups

1. Look up a map of the historic Mongol empires and their extent. Discuss the range of ethnicities in this region and record at least three here.

Vast territories that encompass many diverse ethnicities such as The Mongols, Turks and Persians.