

Questions 1–9

Complete the notes below.

Choose **ONE WORD ONLY** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 1–9 on your answer sheet.

THE STORY OF SILK

Early silk production in China

- Around 3000 BC, according to legend:
 - silkworm cocoon fell into emperor's wife's 1
 - emperor's wife invented a 2 to pull out silk fibres
- Only 3 were allowed to produce silk
- Only 4 were allowed to wear silk
- Silk used as a form of 5
 - e.g. farmers' taxes consisted partly of silk
- Silk used for many purposes
 - e.g. evidence found of 6 made from silk around 168 AD

Silk reaches rest of world

- Merchants use Silk Road to take silk westward and bring back 7 and precious metals
- 550 AD: 8 hide silkworm eggs in canes and take them to Constantinople
- Silk production spreads across Middle East and Europe
- 20th century: 9 and other manmade fibres cause decline in silk production