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Economics Systems

As societies develop, they affect and are affected by the ways that they produce, exchange, and consume goods and services.

Learning Objective	Historical Developments	Study Guide Notes
Explain the causes of the growth of networks of exchange after 1200.	Improved transportation technologies and commercial practices led to an increased volume of trade and expanded the geographical range of existing trade routes, including the Indian Ocean, promoting the growth of powerful new trading cities.	
	The growth of interregional trade in luxury goods was encouraged by significant innovations in previously existing transportation and commercial technologies, including the use of the compass, the astrolabe, and larger ship designs.	
	The Indian Ocean trading network fostered the growth of states.	

Respond to the learning objective:

Cultural Developments and Interactions

The development of ideas, beliefs, and religions illustrates how groups in society view themselves, and the interactions of societies and their beliefs often have political, social, and cultural implications.

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Explain the effects of the growth of networks of exchange after 1200.	In key places along important trade routes, merchants set up diasporic communities where they introduced their own cultural traditions into the indigenous cultures and, in turn, indigenous cultures influenced merchant cultures.	
	Interregional contacts and conflicts between states and empires encouraged significant technological and cultural transfers, including during Chinese maritime activity led by Ming Admiral Zheng He.	

Respond to the learning objective:

Humans and the Environments

The environment shapes human societies, and as populations grow and change, these populations in turn shape their

environments.		
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Explain the role of environmental factors in the development of networks of exchange in the period from c. 1200 to c. 1450.	The expansion and intensification of long-distance trade routes often depended on environmental knowledge, including advanced knowledge of the monsoon winds.	
Respond to the learning objective:		