

Classical (500 BCE – 600 CE) & Post Classical (600-1450)

Trade Networks

AP World History

Part I.

Draw the following trade routes on your map and label them. Also label the items below on your map.

- The Silk Roads
- The Trans-Saharan Trade network
- The Indian Ocean Trade Routes
- Mediterranean Sea Lanes
- (10) Major trading cities
- (10) Trade goods
- The direction of the spread of: (Buddhism / Christianity / Hinduism / Islam)
- (4) Environmental barriers or obstacles (such as mountain ranges – deserts)
- (5) Methods of transportation (use of animals, ships, etc)

Part II.

Be able to answer the questions below:

1. Be able to explain the spread of Buddhism from India – who spread the faith? What was the reaction when societies such as: (China) came into contact with it? How did the Chinese respond? Did they have issues with the arrival of the new faith? What were they?
2. Be able to explain the spread of Islam out of Arabia – why did it spread so fast? Where to? Where was Islam by the year 1000 CE? What impact (political / social / economic) impact did it have on particular regions: (West Africa / East Africa / Middle East / India / Southeast Asia).
3. Be able to explain how new technologies permitted the use of domesticated pack animals to transport goods across longer routes – pay attention to the following: (Yokes, Saddles, Stirrups, Horses, Oxen and Camels).
4. Be able to explain how particular innovations in maritime technologies as well as advanced knowledge of the monsoon winds, stimulated exchanges along maritime routes from East Africa to East Asia – pay attention to the following: (lateen sails, Dhow ships, Chinese Junks).
5. Be able to explain how trade created powerful cities. Use one of the following: (Timbuktu, the Swahili city states, Hangzhou, Calicut, Venice, Melaka, Baghdad).
6. During the post-classical period (600-1450) – be able to explain how the growth of a particular luxury good: (silk, cotton, porcelain, spices, slaves, exotic animals) was encouraged by significant innovations in “previously?” existing transportation and commercial technologies, including more sophisticated caravan organization / the use of the: (compass, astrolabe, larger ship designs in sea travel, and new forms of credit and monetization) – for caravan organization look for the following: (Caravanserai) and for new forms of credit and monetization: (Bills of exchange, Credit, Checks, and Banking Houses).