

Trade Routes

Big Ideas	By 1500, regional trade patterns had developed that linked Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and Europe	<u>Importance of trade patterns</u> • Exchange of products and ideas
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Trade Routes |

- The Silk Road included silk routes across Asia to the Mediterranean basin
- Maritime routes across the Indian Ocean connected Africa, India, and the Middle East (Maritime means of / related to the sea)
- Trans-Saharan routes across North Africa connected the empires of Northern Africa (Ghana, Mali, Songhai) with Europe and the Middle East.)
- Roads were unsafe and not maintained in Northern and Western Europe. This caused people to trade along the Baltic Sea, *through the rivers of Russia*, to Constantinople and the Black Sea.
- South China Sea connected China with Japan and the lands of Southeast Asia



Goods Exchanged |

- Spices from lands around the *Indian Ocean*
- Textiles from *India*, *China* (silk), the *Middle East* (rugs, madras), and later *Europe*
- Porcelain from *China* and *Persia*
- Paper & Compass from *China* to *Western Europe*
- Medicine, Astronomy & Math from *Africa*



Ideas |

- Judaism found in *Europe* and the *Middle East*
- Christianity found in *Europe* and the *Middle East*
- Islam found in *Europe*, parts of *Asia*, *Africa* and *South Europe*
- Hinduism found in *India* and parts of *S.E Asia*
- Buddhism found in *East* and *S.E Asia*

