

Questions: Silk Road & Ancient Trade Crash Course #9



Directions: Watch the video “The Silk Road and Ancient Trade: World History Crash Course #9” on www.youtube.com and answer the questions below on a separate piece of paper.

1. What was the Silk Road? What makes describing the Silk Road so difficult?
2. Where did silk originate? How was it made? What were its early uses? Why was silk such a desired good for trade and exchange?
3. What other goods were exchanged along the Silk Road? (Identify them by region below)
 - Mediterranean
 - China
 - India
 - East Africa
 - Arabia
4. Why was trade along the Silk Road an advantage to nomadic peoples?
5. How was the Kushan Empire created? What was the important role it played in Silk Road trade?
6. Why did the cities founded by peoples along the Silk Road become hugely important?
7. Identify and briefly describe the three ways the Silk Road impacted the lives of all people during its existence (not just the wealthy)?