

Sogdians



1. Who were the Sogdians and why are they compared to modern day influencers ?	2. Where was their homeland and what was their impact on the Silk Roads?
3. What did the Sogdians trade?	4. Click on “Explore the exhibit” & read the essay called “Believers..” What religion did the Sogdians follow?
5. Summarize the Sogdian religion. What are its basic beliefs?	6. How do we know so much about Sogdian religion?
7. Insert an image of an Ossuary here.	8. Watch the clip here . Describe the role Sogdians played in trade.

9. Click here and flip through the google map of the places the Sodians traveled. Explain the importance of Yaghnob Valley.	10. What did the Pamir Mountains connect to and why were they so dangerous?
11. What obstacles did the Taklamakan Desert pose?	12. What is the connection of the oasis at Dunhuang to Buddhism?
13. Read about the Mogao Caves here . What is the other name for the Mogao Caves?	14. How many cave-temples are in the caves?
15. What changes in belief do the caves show?	16. How does Pure Land Buddhism differ from other forms of Buddhism?