

Buddhism on the Silk Road

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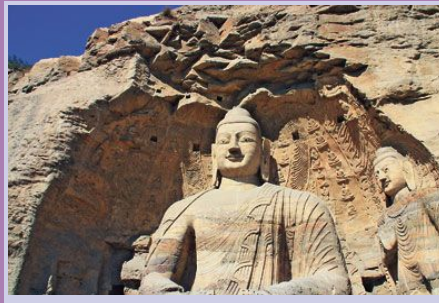
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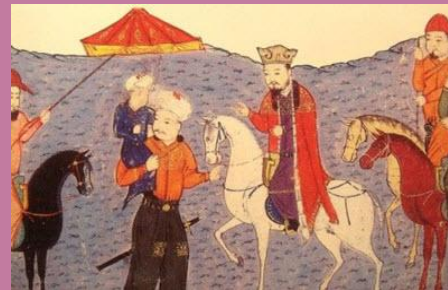
Increased cross-cultural interactions resulted in the diffusion of literary, artistic, and cultural traditions, as well as scientific and technological innovations.

Buddhism in China



1. During which dynasty did Buddhism become a major religion?
2. What happened to Buddhism during the 3rd & 4th centuries?
3. During which Chinese Dynasty was Buddhists persecuted?
4. [Click here](#) and read about the Tang and Buddhism. What was the largest city in the Tang dynasty? What made it [cosmopolitan](#)?
5. Read about the two big branches [of Buddhism here](#). Identify the two branches. Which

Travelers



1. What was the purpose of some of the travelers in the 13th century?
2. Watch the [video here](#). How many countries did Battuta visit and how many miles did he travel?
3. Why did Batutta begin his travels?
4. Why were the trade routes over which Batutta traveled so peaceful?
5. What was the greatest single journey that Bututa made?
6. Read about Batutta travels in [Africa here](#). How did Batutta judge the character of the

Pax Mongolica



1. How did Pax Mongolica promote commerce & communication?
2. Describe the yam.
3. Explain the role of religion in the Mongolian Empire.
4. [Use this site](#) and identify and explain FOUR different ways the Mongols promoted inter-state relations through the so-called "Pax Mongolica."

branch went to China and which branch went to Thailand.

6. Explain the differences between the two branches of Buddhism.
7. Buddhism travels outside China. In Cambodia, [the Kmer establish Angkor Wat](#). Who were the Kmer.
8. What is Angkor Wat? Read about it [here at Unesco](#).
9. Insert an image of Angkor Wat here.

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As exchange networks intensified, an increasing number of travelers within Afro-Eurasia wrote about their travels.

Sogidans



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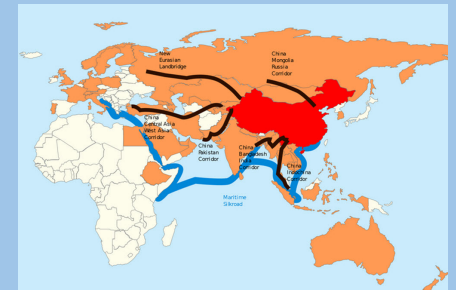
1. Who were the Sogidans?
2. Where was their homeland?
3. What did the Sogidans trade?

Important People



1. How long did Polo stay in China?
2. Why are his travels so important in history?
3. Read Marco Polo's [description of the palace of](#)

Belt and Road Initiative



1. Define the characteristics of the belt.
2. Define the characteristics of the road.
3. List THREE examples of projects the Chinese have completed. List one from

	- Click on “Explore the exhibit” & read the essay called “Believers..” What religion did the Sogidans follow? - Summarize the Sogdian religion. What are its basic beliefs. - How do we know so much about Sogdian religion? - Insert an image of an Ossuary here. - Watch the clip here. Describe the role Sogdians played in trade. Click here and flip through the google map of the places the Sodians traveled. Explain the importance of Yaghnob Valley. - What did the Pamir Mountains connect and why were they so dangerous? - What obstacles did the Taklamakan Desert pose? - What is the connection of the oasis at Dunhuang to Buddhism? - Read about the Mogao Caves here. What is the other name for the Mogao Caves? - How many cave-temples are in the caves?	the Great Khan here. Why does he call it “the greatest place that ever was”? - Scroll down and read “<i>The Fashion of The Great Khan's Table at His High Feasts?</i>” What did you find most interesting about his description? - Describe the lifestyle of Kubilai Khan. Do you think this life style was available to all in the empire?	Asia, one from Africa, and one from Europe. Watch the clip here about China's new initiative. Is it valid to compare the modern One Belt, One Road to the Silk Road? Why or why not? What similarities and/or differences do you see between the two?
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| | <p>15. What changes in belief do the caves show?</p> <p>16. How does Pure Land Buddhism differ from other forms of Buddhism?</p> | | |
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Process

Watch



State Building in Song China

1. Describe the different parts of the Song state structure and the role of the censorate.
2. What was the role of Confucianism in Song China?
3. What does it mean that Chinese society became more commercialized?
4. What impact did paper money and gunpowder have on Song China?
5. Identify an example of Chinese influence in Japan..
6. What form of Buddhism entered China at this time and what was its appeal?
7. What is the “biggest takeaway from this video”?

Synthesize:

- Develop a paragraph in response to the prompt below.
 - Explain how improved trading practices led to the expansion of trade routes and new trading cities.
- Develop a paragraph in response to the prompt below
 - Describe how cross-cultural interactions diffused cultural and technological innovations.