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### Document A

#### Journal Entry #1 Planning Tools

Be sure to include the title of the entry (place, date, time) on your journal entry.

**Prompt:** *You are ready to head west from Chang'an, the easternmost city on The Silk Road. You look over the map to get a sense of what lies ahead of you. You will be taking the main Silk Road route, towards Dunhuang. What difficulties do you think you will face? What else are you thinking as you wait to leave?*

**Are you stuck? Here are some thinking questions to get you started!**

- How far will you be traveling?
- How do you feel about your upcoming journey (excited, anxious, sad...)?  
Why?
- What are some items you will be taking with you? What is most important to you?
- What are your hopes for this journey? Why are you traveling?
- What are some difficulties you think you will face? (physical or mental)
- How do you think you might overcome the difficulties of the journey?

Follow along with the rubric to ensure that you receive all possible points. Your journal entry should be 10-15 sentences in length (about 3 paragraphs long).

Journal Entry Rubric		
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	<b>Focus:</b> Entire entry is on topic and answers all parts of the prompt	/5
	<b>Accuracy:</b> Includes historically accurate details about the Silk Road	/5
	<b>Creativity:</b> Written from the perspective of a silk road traveler (as if you were there) and includes many interesting details	/5
	<b>Writing:</b> complete sentences, grammatically correct, and few spelling errors	/5
		<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b> _____ / 20

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**Document B:**  
**Journal Entry #2 Planning Tools**

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**Prompt:** *You have traveled more than 1,000 miles with the caravan. Around the campfire at Dunhuang, you listen to fellow travelers discussing the teachings of Buddhism, Hinduism, and Confucianism. You sit down to record your thoughts about Dunhuang, the conversation around the campfire, and your visit to a cave shrine. What effect do you think the Silk Road has had on the spread of religion and ideas?*

**Are you stuck? Here are some thinking questions to get you started!**

- How do you feel at this point in your journey? Is it different from when you started?
- What are your concerns about the upcoming journey through the desert?
- Why do you think you have come across so many religions and languages on the Silk Road?
- Are there any new ideas/beliefs that interest you? What are they?
- Do you think you will bring back any new ideas with you to China on your return?
- What effect do you think the Silk Road has had on the spread of religion and ideas?

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### Document C: Journal Entry #3 Planning Tools

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**Prompt:** *You have been traveling all day through the desert. The relentless sun and heat have made you sleepy as you trudge on. You have heard that travelers through the desert sometimes faint and, as a result, are accidentally left behind by the caravan. To stay alert, you decide to write in your journal. What are your thoughts as you make your way through the Taklimakan Desert? What is your impression of this land?*

**Are you stuck? Here are some thinking questions to get you started!**

- How do you feel while you travel through the desert (anxious, afraid, sad..)? Why?
- What do you do to make sure that you do not get left behind?
- What is the most difficult part about traveling through this landscape?
- What is your impression (thoughts) of this land?
- Do you miss your family or home in China? Why/why not?
- What are you looking forward to doing when you get out of the desert and into the next city on your journey?

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### Document D: Journal Entry #4 Planning Tools

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**Prompt:** *You arrived in the thriving city of Marakanda this morning. Once you leave, you will be on the long journey to Antioch, the western end of the Silk Road. What is your impression of Marakanda? How do you plan to spend your time there? Review the map of the Silk Road in Document A. What do you expect from the rest of your journey?*

**Are you stuck? Here are some thinking questions to get you started!**

- What difficulties did you have journeying through the Pamir mountains?
- How did you feel when you finally reached the city of Marakanda?
- What kind of sights did you see when you got to Marakanda? What kind of people have you met?
- How do you plan to spend your time here?
- What do you expect from the rest of your journey? How many more miles are left? Will you be traveling through anymore difficult terrain?
- What interesting events have happened so far?

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### Document E: Journal Entry #5 Planning Tool

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**Prompt:** *The caravan has reached its final destination - Antioch, the Western end of the Silk Road. You are one of the few people to travel the entire length of the route! Reflect on this once-in-a-lifetime achievement. Also review the ledger, which lists some of the trade transactions that took place during your journey. Has the journey turned out the way you hoped? Was the long journey worth the difficulties you endured? How do you feel about the return journey? Record your thoughts in your journal.*

**Are you stuck? Here are some thinking questions to get you started!**

- Do you feel like your trades were fair trades?
- Refer back to your first journal - did the journey turn out the way you hoped it would?
- What are some positive aspects of this journey?
- What were some difficulties and negative aspects of this journey?

- Was the long journey worth the difficulties you had to endure?
- How do you feel about the return journey? (excited, sad, anxious...)

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