



## *World History SOL 10*

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During the medieval period, several major trading routes developed in the Eastern Hemisphere. These trading routes developed among Europe, Africa & Asia.



# *Major trade patterns of the Eastern Hemisphere from 1000-1500 AD*

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- ★ Silk Routes across Asia to the Mediterranean basin
- ★ Maritime trade routes across the Indian Ocean
- ★ Trans-Saharan trade routes across North Africa
- ★ Northern European links with the Black Sea
- ★ Western European sea & river trade
- ★ South China Sea & lands of Southeast Asia



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★ Regional trade networks & long distance trade routes in the Eastern Hemisphere aided the diffusion & exchange of technology & culture between Europe, Africa & Asia.



## *Goods*

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- ★ Gold from West Africa
- ★ Spices from lands around the Indian Ocean
- ★ Textiles from India, China, Middle East & later Europe
- ★ Porcelain from China & Persia
- ★ Amber from the Baltic region





# *Technology*

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- ★ Paper from China through the Muslim world to Byzantium & Western Europe
- ★ New crops from India (example: for making sugar)
- ★ Waterwheels & windmills from the Middle East
- ★ Navigation –compass from China, lateen sail from Indian Ocean region





# *Ideas*

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- ★ Spread of religions across the hemisphere
  - Buddhism from China to Korea & Japan
  - Hinduism & Buddhism from India to Southeast Asia
  - Islam into West Africa, Central & Southeast Asia
- Printing & paper money from China



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- ★ Japanese cultural development was influenced by proximity to China.
  - ★ Shinto & Buddhism coexisted as religious traditions in the Japanese culture.



## *Location & Place*

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- ★ Mountainous Japanese archipelago (four main islands)
- ★ Sea of Japan or East Sea between Japan & Asian mainland
- ★ Proximity to China & Korea







# *Influence of Chinese culture*

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- ★ Writing
- ★ Architecture
- ★ Buddhism





# *Shinto*

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- ★ Ethnic religion unique to Japan
- ★ Importance of natural features, forces of nature & ancestors
- ★ State religion; worshipping the emperor
- ★ Coexistence with Buddhism



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- ★ African civilizations developed in sub-Saharan west & east Africa
  - ★ Trade brought important economic, cultural & religious influences to African civilizations from other parts of the Eastern Hemisphere
  - ★ States & empires flourished in Africa during the medieval period, including Ghana, Mali & Songhai in west Africa, Axum in east Africa & Zimbabwe in southeastern Africa.



# *Axum*



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★ Location relative to the Ethiopian Highlands & the Nile River



★ Christian Kingdom





# *Zimbabwe*

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- ★ Location relative to the Zambezi & Limpopo rivers & the Indian Ocean coast
- ★ City of “Great Zimbabwe” as capital of a prosperous empire





# *West African Kingdoms*

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- ★ Location of Ghana, Mali & Songhai empires relative to Niger River & the Sahara
- ★ Importance of gold & salt to trans-Saharan trade
- ★ City of Timbuktu as center of trade & learning
- ★ Role of animism & Islam



# *West African Kingdoms*

