4.1 The Silk Roads, Indian Ocean, and Trans-Saharan Trade

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1. What factors hindered connections between early river valley civilizations?

2. What was the relationship between nomadic people and Silk Road trade?

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3. What factors lead to the expansion of the Silk Road?

4. What role did the environment play in the development of the Silk Road?

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Review Questions

1. Why might economic growth and political stability lead to more trade?

2. How did environmental factors influence trade along the Silk Roads?

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3. What was the effect of silk only being produced in China?

4. What were the impacts of trade beyond the moving goods?

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5. How did the Song dynasty affect Hangzhou's success as a trading city?

6. Why were scholars, especially Muslim scholars, drawn to Timbuktu?

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7. How did trade in Timbuktu help the Mali empire, and how did the stability of the Mali empire help the city of Timbuktu?

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