

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?

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?

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?

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

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

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

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

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