

China Silk Road Activity

Discovering Your Routes - Mapping the Silk Road

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1) For this activity, you will work in a group to research goods traded along the Silk Road. Each group member will be responsible for researching one or more products.

The products to choose from are: silk, wine, paper, camels, porcelain, spices, tapestries & carpets, wine, perfume, tea, gold & silver, ivory, horses, furs, jade, Buddhism, and Islam.

2) Each group must research 6 items. You must find the following information for each product:

- Region of origin. That is, Where did the product begin its journey along the Silk Road
- Where the product(s) would have traveled on the Silk Road. From their point of origin, what route would the product have traveled.

3) Next, on the map provided, mark the origin of each product as "Point A" and the destination as "point B."

- Use colored pencils to connect your points, thereby creating a map of trade routes for specific trade goods.
- Be sure to create a legend on your map that clearly identifies each good's trade route. Each group member needs to fill out their own map!

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The Old Silk Routes

