**GOT SILK?**

Silk, Spices, and Sea Routes as globalism in world history

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Before setting forth, remember you will be making journal entries to reflect your travels. Every entry will be supported with information from your document packet----BE SURE TO NOTE ON EVERY ENTRY WHICH DOCUMENT INFORMED YOUR TRAVEL TO THIS SPOT!

Along the route, you will find evidence of the following 4 things belng traded:

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Stop 1: XI’AN Planning your trip Departure: Before leaving, plan your trip by marking on your map the cities you will be visiting. The 8 cities are described in DOCS A & B

Stop 2: Dunhuang As you approach the caves, you will see the entrance to the central cave and several objects in the external entry. Explore the site. What signs of SYNCRETISM do you see? List the objects and similarities across religions.(DOCS D & F)

What is the Diamond Sutra? Why is it significant?

Visit the ‘Library’ behind the desk as discovered by Stein (pictured). Based on prior readings, what is the ethical issue presented by Stein’s work?

Side trip: before reaching your next destination city, you will pass through the Taklimakan Desert. Describe the desert. What else is found traveling here? (DOC E & book).

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Stop 3: Turfan: Meet the Silk merchants in the marketplace (DOC A, C, & E)

Why is it called the Silk Road? What textiles are transported?

How was the secret of silk production leaked to foreign competitors?

Stop 4: Samarkand Meet the Spice Merchants (DOC A & C)

Visit the spice merchant-grind your own spices, smell the offerings. What spices do you see and where are they from?

Saffron is the most expensive spice in the world (per pound it is more expansive than gold!) —what is you opinion?

Stop 5: Baghdad Visit the House of Wisdom as you pass into Baghdad. (DOC A, F, & handout) What great Chinese thinkers are being studied in the Vinegar Tasters by Pooh?

What do you think of the Buddhist teaching?

Block printing and paper money are here on the international exchange. Why is the development of this technology historically important? (DOC A & F)

Complete your visit by designing and making your own money!

Side trip 2: Do you recognize this landmark temple? From where? Hint: it is in Petra.

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Stop 6: Palmyra See pictures before and after ISIS destroyed much of the site. (DOC B and class handout) What is your response to this destruction?

Stop 7: Sea Routes ‘The Silk Road’ connected many imperial and traditional trading routes. An important element was the Indian Ocean trading system that resulted in African, Middle Eastern, and European goods and ideas spreading East. Many international goods can be found in this market : List them and where you theorize the originated: (DOC A & map in Xi’an at start)

After traveling along the Silk Road, you will return home and polish your journal entries using this sheet. Include 7 cities and 2 aside visits in journaling. Remember to reference your notes, documents, sounds of the Road, and readings. A journal entry from Marco Polo is included in your packet (DOC D). A final opinion piece on either ISIS actions or Prof. Stein’s removal of artifacts will complete the visit.