AP WORLD HISTORY

Unit 2: Networks of Exchange (1200-1450)

UNIT 2 REVIEW

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SILK ROADS

Innovations -> increased trade

Transportation Innovations:

- Caravanserai -> places along roads to rest and gather supplies

- Grants merchants (traders) the ability to travel further & carry more goods

Commercial innovations :

- Paper money -> Reduces weight of metal currency

- Banking houses -> Safe place to store wealth

- Bills of change -> Documents allowing one to withdraw money from another bank

Luxury goods:

- Silk, porcelain

Led to large trading cities:

- Kashgar (Central Asia)

- Samarkand (Central Asia)

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INDIAN OCEAN

Transportation Innovations:

– Compass -> Gives travelers idea of

direction

– Astrolobe -> Indicates latitude

– Lateen sails -> -Sail "against the wind"

– Stern rudder -> Better ship steering

– Larger ships (ex: Javanese Djong) ->

Carry more goods

Luxury goods:

– Spices, cotton, ivory

Trading cities:

– Kilwa, Mogadishu, Mombasa (Swahili

East African Coast)

– Malacca (Indonesia)

– Gujarat (India)

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TRANS-SAHARAN

Transportation Innovations:

- Caravans (also on Silk Roads) ->

  Groups merchants traveling ->

Increased safety + navigation ability

- Camel saddle -> Capacity for more

  goods onto camels

Luxury goods:

- Ivory, gold

Trading cities:

- Timbuktu (Mali) -> Controls gold

  across Sahara -> Very, very rich

TRADE IN CHINA

Song Dynasty:

- Trade decreased, but still significant, -> Silk Roads
- Increased trade on Indian Ocean -> Exports of silk, porcelain, iron, steel

Yuan Dynasty (Mongols) (replaced Song Dynasty):

- Increase in trade on Silk Roads
- Infrastructure + fought bandits making trade safer

Ming Dynasty (Replaced Mongols):

- Expanded Indian Ocean trade through sponsoring voyages of Admiral Zheng He
- Defeated pirates

MONGOLS

Period 1206 - 1368:

– Nomadic empire established by Genghis Khan

Rise:

– Efficient and organized military campaigns

– Well aquatinted with horses + bows

– One of the largest empires in history

After Genghis Khan dies:

– Empire fragments into ->

Yuan Dynasty (China + surrounding areas):

– Direct political control

– CONTINUITY: maintains imperial system

– Restricted ethnic Han Chinese

access to power (CHANGE)

Il-khanate (Persia + surrounding areas):

– Mongol political control, but

managed by Persian bureaucrats

– CHANGE: Embrace Islam

Golden Horde (Southern Russia):

– Least direct political control

– CONTINUITY: traditional nomadic culture

CONNECTIVITY - CULTURAL EFFECTS

Religion:

– Buddhism on Silk Road (East Asia)

– Islam on Trans-Sahara (West Africa)

– Buddhism/Hinduism on Indian Ocean (S.E Asia)

– Islam on Indian Ocean (E. Africa + S.E. Asia)

New Muslim states:

– Sultanate of Malacca, Mali, Swahili

Coast City-States

Travelers:

– Marco Polo (Christian -> Europe to China) ->

Writings inspired states to have

greater trade w/ China -> Introduced Europeans to

China + Central Asia During Mongol Rule

– Ibn Battuta (Muslim -> throughout Islamic World)

– Margery Kempe (Catholic -> throughout

Europe + "Holy Land") -> Pilgrimages

CONNECTIVITY - ENVIRONMENTAL

Diffusion of foods + goods to regions through trade:

– Bananas (S.E. Asia to Africa) -> Facilitates population growth

– Champa Rice (S.E. Asia to Africa) -> Facilitates population growth

Bubonic Plague:

– 75-200M deaths

– Europe ("Black Death"), Asia, North Africa

– CAUSE: Mongols facilitated trade on the Silk Roads -> trade spreads disease

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MONGOLS IMPACT

Positives:

– Mongols brought a period of trade that was so peaceful and serene that it was named "Pax Mongolica" (1250 - 1350)

– Centralized power allowed for uniform laws, communication, peace, etc.

– Revolutionized trade along the Silk Roads -> rebuilt + expanded infrastructure on Silk Roads (such as postal stations)

– Provided security to merchants through fighting bandits/pirates

Negatives:

– Military conquest caused lots of death + destruction

– Conquest + trade led to the spread of the Bubonic Plague

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