

DBQ 9: TRADE AND INTERACTION

Historical Context

Trade, conquest, and warfare have impacted peoples around the world throughout history. These interactions have changed the cultures of the societies involved in positive and negative ways.

■ **Directions:** The following question is based on the accompanying documents in Part A. As you analyze the documents, take into account both the source of each document and the author's point of view. Be sure to do each of the following steps:

1. Carefully read the document-based question. Consider what you already know about this topic. How would you answer the question if you had no documents to examine?
2. Read each document carefully, underlining key phrases and words that address the document-based question. You may also wish to use the margin to make brief notes. Answer the questions that follow each document before moving on to the next document.
3. Based on your own knowledge and on the information found in the documents, formulate a thesis that directly answers the document-based question.
4. Organize supportive and relevant information into a brief outline.
5. Write a well-organized essay proving your thesis. You should present your essay logically. Include information both from the documents and from your own knowledge beyond the documents.

Question: Choose two world regions (China, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, or the Americas). How did trade have positive and/or negative effects on the people in two of those regions?

PART A

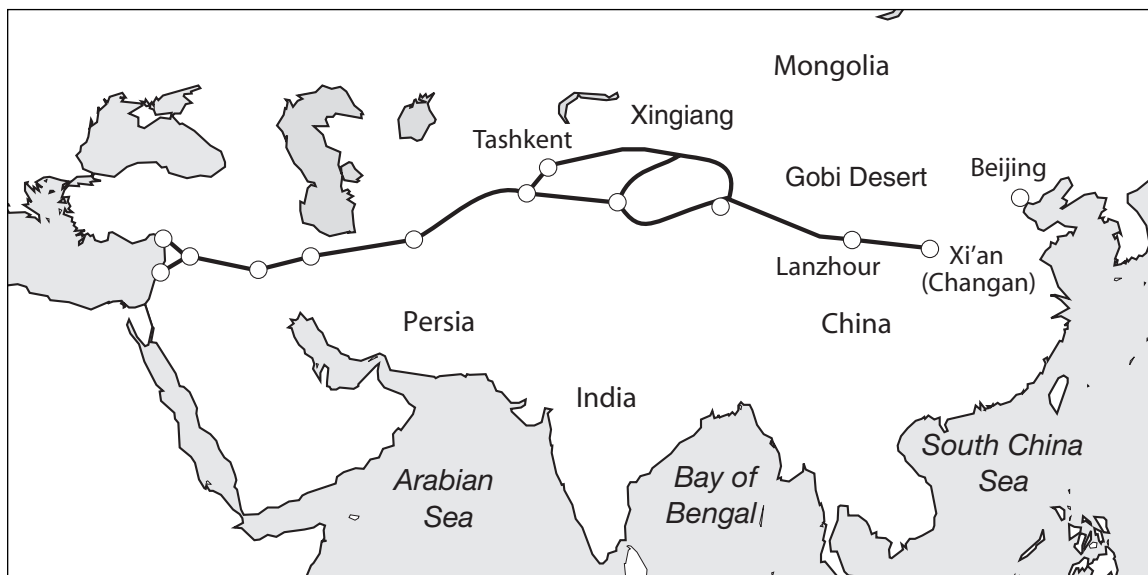
The following documents deal with trading interactions among various world regions. Examine each document carefully. In the space provided, answer the questions that follow each document.

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Document 1

The map below shows overland trade routes across Asia. These routes became heavily used in the centuries after 300 C.E. The overall route was known as the Silk Road. China exported its silk, iron, and bronze. Merchants took these goods west to the Middle East and then to Europe. Gold, glass, ivory, animal hides, horses, and cattle were brought east to China from the Middle East and Central Asia. Trade contacts with India led to the introduction of Buddhism to China.



What products were taken from China to the Middle East (Southwest Asia) along the Silk Road, and then on to Europe?

What products and ideas were taken to China along the Silk Road?

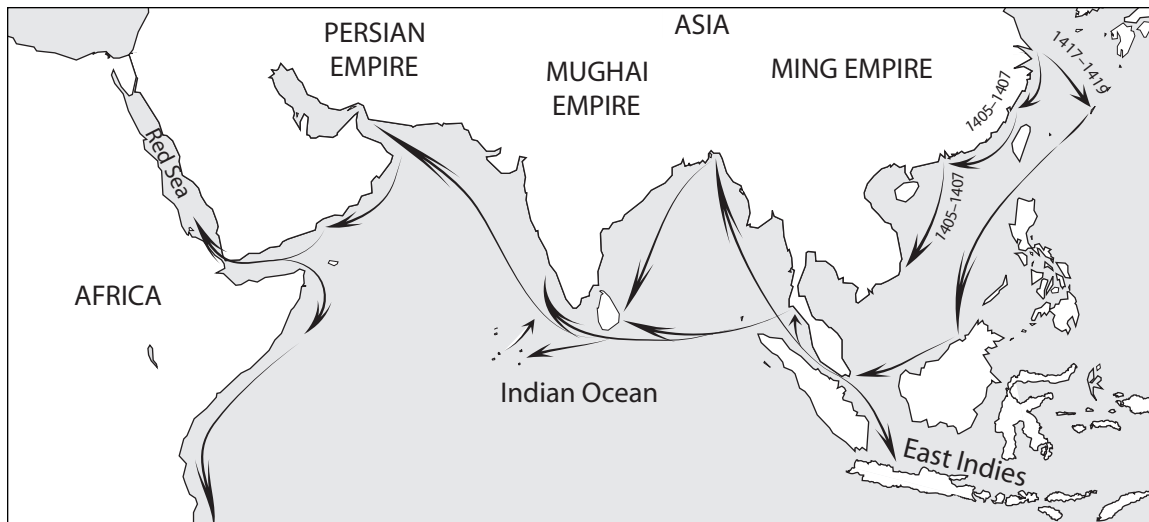
What impact did the Silk Road have on the people of Europe and Asia?

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Document 2

The map below shows the voyages of Zheng He, a Chinese admiral, in the 1400s.



This excerpt comments on the impact of Zheng He's voyages.

Yonglo [the Ming ruler] hoped to impress the world with the power and splendor of Ming China and also hoped to expand China's tribute system. Zheng He's voyages accomplished these goals. . . .

Everywhere Zheng He went, he distributed gifts, such as gold, silver, silk, and scented oils, to show Chinese superiority. As a result, more than 16 countries sent tribute to the Ming court. Many envoys traveled to China. . . .

Demand for Chinese goods had a ripple effect on the economy. Industries such as silk making and ceramics grew rapidly. Manufacturing and commerce increased. However, China did not become highly industrialized for two main reasons. First, the whole idea of commerce offended China's Confucian beliefs. . . . Second, Chinese economic policies traditionally favored agriculture. Taxes on agriculture stayed low. Taxes on manufacturing and trade skyrocketed.

Source: Bech, Black, Krieger, Naylor, Shabaka, *World History: Patterns of Interaction*, McDougal Littell, 1999 (adapted)

Where did Zheng He's voyages go?

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How did China benefit from the voyages of Zheng He?

Document 3

The text below discusses the effects of the Crusades.

The Crusades caused a growth in trade between Europe and the Middle East. European demand for the products of Southwest Asia grew greatly. Products such as spices, sugar, lemons, rugs, glass, perfumes, and silk and cotton textiles flowed into Europe. This increased trade had several effects, including the following:

- Increased wealth and power for the Italian city-states that controlled trade with the Middle East
- New ideas and learning gained by Europeans from contact with Muslims
- Rediscovery in Europe of the writings of ancient Greeks and Romans, preserved by Muslim scholars; this later encouraged the Renaissance
- Growth of intolerance as Christians persecuted Jews and Muslims in Europe and Muslims persecuted Christians in Europe

How did Europe benefit from the Crusades? List two benefits.

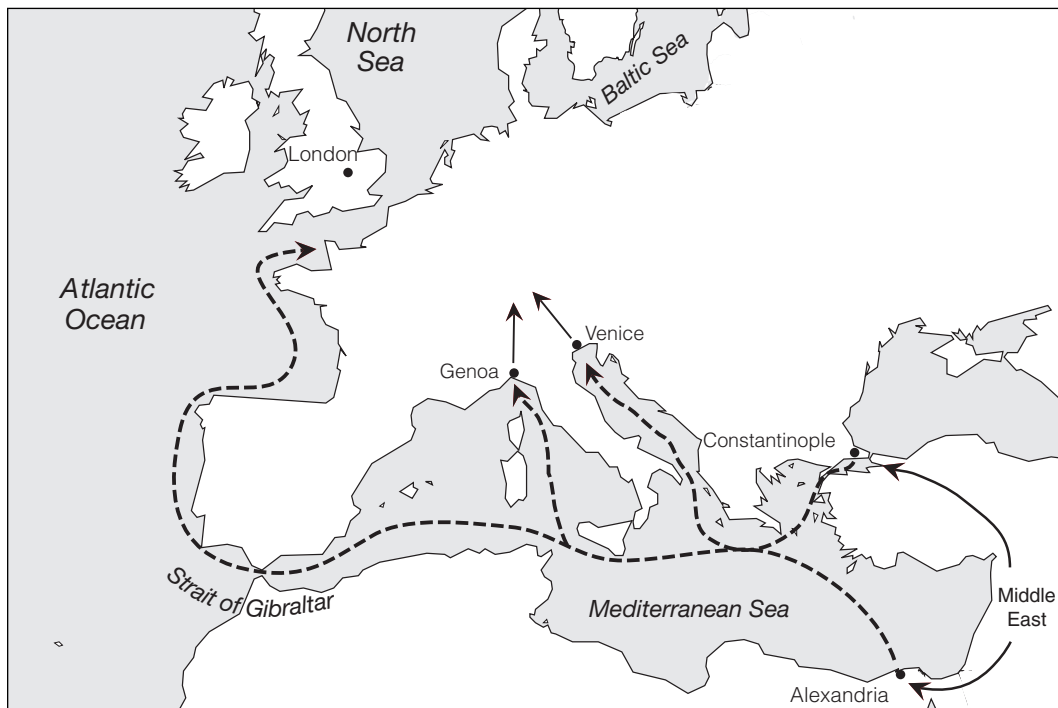
What were negative effects of the Crusades on people in Europe and the Middle East?

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Document 4

The map below shows trade routes to and through Europe in the thirteenth to fifteenth centuries.



According to the map, where did the trade routes originate? _____

Why were the Italian city-states able to dominate the trade patterns at this time?

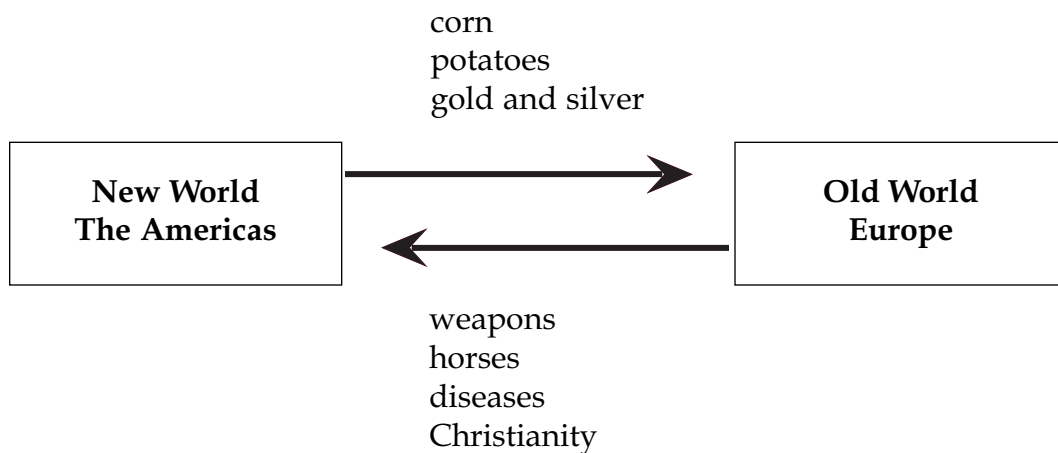
What was the impact of these trade routes on Italian city-states and on the place of origin?

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Document 5

The illustration below shows the Columbian Exchange.



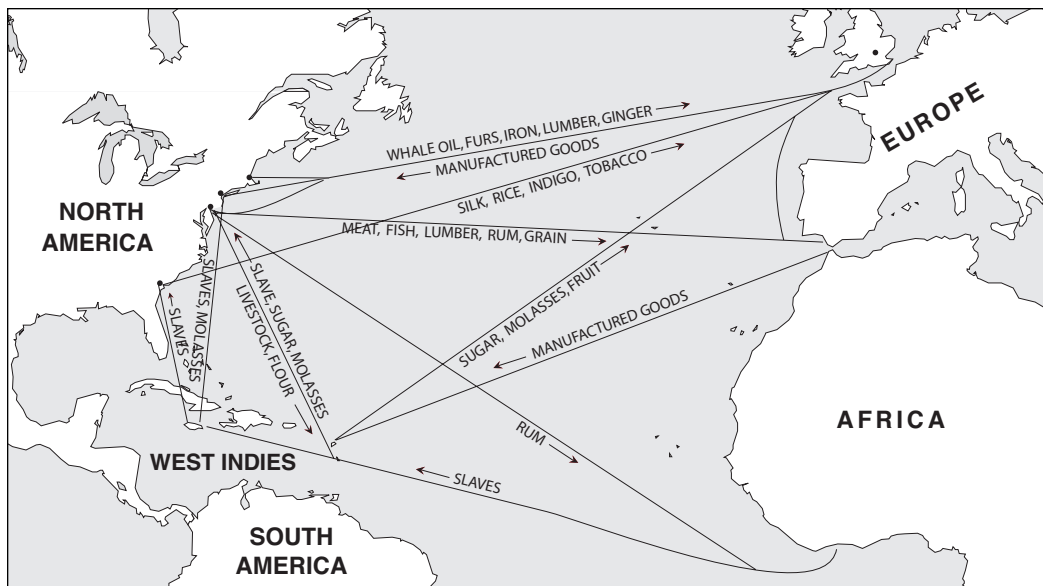
According to this diagram, what were the positive and negative impacts of the exchange on both the Americans and the Europeans?

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Document 6

The map below shows the trade pattern of the Atlantic economy in the eighteenth century.



What were the benefits to Europe of this eighteenth-century trade pattern?

What was the negative impact of the trade pattern on Africa?

PART B

Choose two world regions (China, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, or the Americas). How did trade have positive and/or negative effects on the people in two of those regions?