# KEY CONCEPT 3.1: EXPANSION & INTENSIFICATION OF COMMUNICATION & EXCHANGE NETWORKS

# IMPORTANCE/USE OF TRADE ROUTES FROM 2.3 GREW EXPONENTIALLY WITH MASSIVE EFFECTS ON THE EARTH





**EURASIAN** 



SILK ROAD



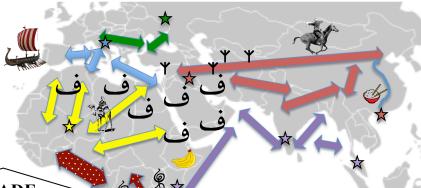
TRANS SAHARAN



INDIAN OCEAN



**MEDITERRANEAN** 



### DIASPORA

People living away from their HOMELANDS

- MUSLIMS in the INDIAN OCEAN
- CHINESE in SOUTHEAST ASIA
- JEWS in the MEDITERRANEAN

## INTER-REGIONAL TRAVELLERS







MARO POLO IBN BATTUTA XUANZANG

# **TRADE**

#### BIG FOUR TRADE ROUTES

Silk Road-Trans Saharan-Mediterranean-Indian Ocean

...LED TO POWERFUL NEW TRADING CITIES Novgorod, Timbuktu, Swahili, Huangzhou, Calicut, Baghdad, Melaka, Venice, (Tenochtitlan, Cahokia) (\*\*Notice the location of these cities along the trade routes. \*\*) \*The two American Cities are built along new American routes. \*)

#### NEW LUXURY GOODS SPREAD ALONG THESE ROUTES

- SILK
- GEMS
- COTTON
- SLAVES
- PORCELAIN
- **EXOTIC ANIMALS**

## SPICES

- NEW COMMERCIAL TECH. AIDED THIS SPREAD: CARAVANSERAI (Roadside Inns)
- CAMEL SADDLES (Saddles for Camels)

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#### NEW ECONOMIC TOOLS FACILITATED THIS SPREAD:

- **BILLS OF EXCHANGE**
- CREDIT/CHECKS/BANKS
- GOVERNMENT COINS/PAPER MONEY
- TRADING ORGANIZATIONS (Hanseatic League)
- GOVERNMENT COMMERCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
  - GRAND CANAL (see MAP in CHINA)

All of this is EXPEDITED by the SPREAD of LARGE EMPIRES

## ENVIRONMENTAL KNOWLEDGE & TECHNOLOGICAL ADAPTATION







VIKING ARAB/BERBER LONGSHIPS CAMELS



# LANGUAGES

BANTU (SWAHILI) TURKIC

ARABIC

- Based on revelations to MUHAMMAD
  - Think of it as Judaism 3.0
  - Mix of Judaism, Christianity, & Zoroastrianism with the Arab people of Arabian Peninsula
- Spread: Militarily & via Trade

# CROSS-CULTURAL DIFFUSION

**SOUTHEAST ASIA** 



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SUBSAHARAN AFRICA

ISLAMIC EMPIRES & WESTERN EUROPE

ISLAMIC **EMPIRES** 

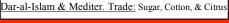
# **NEW CROPS IN NEW AREAS**

**BANANAS** 



To East ASIA

NEW RICE





DISEASE LONG WITH GOODS, INCREASED TRADE



