

**Chapter 8: Networks of Communication and Exchange**  
**Text pp. 209-227**

**Objectives:**

1. Consider the significance of trade in human history
2. Explore the interconnections created by long-distance trade in the post-classical period
3. Examine the full range of what was carried along trade routes (goods, culture, disease)

**Mapping the trade routes...**

1. MAKE A KEY for each Label the following:

**Physical Features**

Sahara Desert  
Niger River  
Himalaya Mts.  
Tarim Basin  
Indian Ocean  
Red Sea  
Arabian Sea  
Gobi Desert  
Bay of Bengal  
South China Sea  
Taklimakan Desert  
Niger River  
South China Sea  
Java Sea  
Malay Peninsula  
Strait of Malacca

**POLITICAL STATES**

INDIA  
CHINA  
AFGHANISTAN  
IRAN  
ARABIA  
ARMENIA  
MADAGASCAR  
GHANA  
MONGOLIA  
VIETNAM  
SRIVIJAYA  
CEYLON (SRI LANKA)

**Cities**

Chang'an  
Kashgar  
Samarkand  
Bukhara  
Babylon  
Damascus  
Darfur  
Timbuktu  
Marrakech  
Sumatra  
Angkor  
Java  
Mogadishu  
Calicut

**Peoples**

Mongols  
Turkic Nomads  
Parthians  
Berbers  
Nubians  
Bantu

**Make a key, color code and sketch and label following:**

2. Sketch and label the Silk Roads on the map.
3. Sketch and label the Indian Ocean trade routes on the map.
4. Sketch and label the Trans-Saharan trade routes on the map.
5. Pages 209-224, Reading and chart:
  - a. Silk Roads,
  - b. Indian Ocean, and
  - c. Trans-Saharan Trade
6. Pages 224-227, reading and chart:
  - a. The Spread of Ideas-Ideas and Material Evidence,
  - b. The Spread of Buddhism, and
  - c. The Spread of Christianity

**\*\*Conclusion Questions-answer in complete sentences in a group 2-4 people. Make sure to include historical evidence to support your answers. (Identify, explain, support, and SO WHAT?)**

1. What role does technology play in long-distance trade?
2. How does geography affect trade patterns (for each)?
3. How do human groups affect communication between regions?
4. Why do some goods and ideas travel more easily than others?
5. How do these modes of cultural contact and exchange affect patterns of dominance and diversity?