**Unit 2 – Networks of Exchange Topic 2.5 – Cultural Consequences of Connectivity**

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| **Cultural Developments and Interactions**The development of ideas, beliefs, and religions illustrates how groups in society view themselves, and the interactions of societies and their beliefs often have political, social, and cultural implications.  |
| **Learning Objective** | **Historical Developments** | **Study Guide Notes** |
| Explain the intellectual and cultural effects of the various networks of exchange in Afro-Eurasia from c. 1200 to c. 1450.  | Increased cross-cultural interactions resulted in the diffusion of literary, artistic, and cultural traditions, as well as scientific and technological innovations.  |  |
| The fate of cities varied greatly, with periods of significant decline and periods of increased urbanization, buoyed by rising productivity and expanding trade networks.  |  |
| As exchange networks intensified, an increasing number of travelers within Afro- Eurasia wrote about their travels.  |  |
| **Respond to the learning objective:** |