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**The Silk Road under the Han Dynasty**

**DIRECTIONS: Actively read about the Silk Road. Then watch the video and explain the impact the Silk Road had on the Han Dynasty and other people, places, and societies.**

*The Silk Road was a network of trade routes connecting china and the Far East with the Middle East and Europe. It was established under the Han Dynasty in China. China opened trade with the West in 130 B.C.E. and remained in use until 1453 A.D. Diplomat Zhang Qian, who served Emperor Wu of the Han Dynasty, traveled and brought back information about surrounding civilizations. Thus the Han dynasty was able to establish embassies (trading stations that were controlled by a Han official) in several countries. These trading stations led to the establishment of the Silk Road trade network that refers to both the land and sea routes connecting Asia with the Middle East and southern Europe. The originating name came from Chinese silk, which was the major trade item. The Silk Road was instrumental in the development of civilizations of China, India, Persia, Europe and Arabia through economic and political interactions between them. In addition to economic trade, it was also central to cultural interaction between the East and the West for centuries. Apart from silk and other commodities, religions, philosophies, scientific knowledge and technologies were exchanged though the Silk Road. Although it’s been nearly 600 years since the Silk Road has been used for international trade, the routes had a lasting impact on commerce, culture and history that resonates even today.*

* **Watch the following video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vn3e37VWc0k**
* Take notes about how the Silk Road impacted the Han Dynasty as well as other people, places and societies

***Notes:***

***How did the Silk Road impact the Han Dynasty as well as other people, places, and societies? MINIMUM OF 6-10 SENTENCES.***

***Be sure to include the following:***

* **Topic Sentence: Restate the question and generate a CLAIM (positive/negative).**
* **Evidence and examples that connect to your claim.**
* **Analysis that connects to your evidence.**

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**The enduring issue this best associates with is (check all that apply):**

* **CULTURAL DIFFUSION**
* **HUMAN RIGHTS**
* **IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENT ON HUMANS**
* **POWER**
* **TECHNOLOGY**
* **SCARCITY**