

The Silk Road and Ancient Trade: Crash Course World History #9

- 1) Explain how the **Silk Road** didn't begin **trade** but radically expanded it.
- 2) Gauge the success of the **Silk Road** by including how things functioned along its **trade routes**.
- 3) Identify how **China** came to **monopolize** the **silk trade**.
- 4) Rationalize the social, political, and economic reasons for the types of **goods traded** by people living in and around the **Mediterranean Sea**.
- 5) Reveal the origins of the **Silk Road** focusing on when it really took off and became a huge **hub** for the **silk route trade**, especially in towns along the way.
- 6) Untangle the problem with the **popularity** of wearing **silk** among many **elites** in **Rome**.
- 7) Rationalize how the **merchant class**, which grew along the **Silk Road**, came to have a lot of **political clout** (influence) which only further exacerbated the **tension** concerning the trade of **silk**.
- 8) Identify how the **Silk Road** affected the **economy** of the entire world.
- 9) Show how the **Silk Road** reshaped **religion** and helped to spread **Buddhism**.

10) Describe how **disease**, which spread along the **Silk Road**, changed the world.