



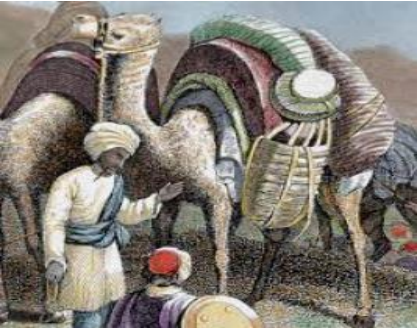




# Knowledge organiser: The Silk Roads

## What travelled the Silk Roads?

<b>Keywords</b>	
<b>Silk Roads</b> 	<b>The ancient trade route that connected the world by land and sea.</b>
<b>Dynasty</b> 	<b>A family that rule one after the other for a significant period of time. For example, the Han Dynasty in China.</b>
<b>Trade Route</b>	<b>Routes that merchants and caravans travel through to trade goods. The could be land or sea routes.</b>
<b>The House of Wisdom</b>	<b>A place that scholars from around the world travelled to share ideas on medicine, mathematics, algebra and science.</b>
<b>The Black Death</b> 	<b>The disease that started in Central Asia and spread into Europe killing 50 million people in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.</b>
<b>Crusade</b>	<b>The holy wars that took place between Christians and Muslims over three centuries in a fight to capture the holy land Jerusalem.</b> 
<b>Merchant</b>	<b>A person that travels to trade.</b>
<b>Civilisation</b>	<b>A society that is characterised by how politically and economically developed it is.</b>
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>A good that is commonly sold through trade. For example, silk.</b>



An interpretation of merchants travelling the Silk Roads



An interpretation of the Crusades at Jerusalem



An interpretation n of Medieval Baghdad



## What travelled the Silk Roads?

### Goods



- Silk was exported from China to Persia and Europe.
- China imported horses from nomad tribes to use in warfare.

### Ideas



- The Islamic Golden Age spread ideas on astrology, mathematics, and hygiene.
- The House of Wisdom in Baghdad was a meeting place for scholars.

### Religion



- Religions competed and borrowed from each other.
- People believed they were following the correct religion by winning battles.

### War



- Crusades between Muslims and Christians lasted over 300 years.
- More ordinary people travelled the Silk Roads to get to Jerusalem.

### Disease



- The Black Death spread through trade routes from Central Asia.
- High death numbers led to merchants demanding higher prices.