

**Unit
2**

**Exchange Across Eurasia:
Motivations of Trade and the Silk Roads**

**Increasing Interactions:
Commerce and Clashes 1**

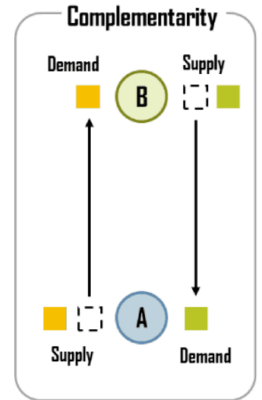
Note: all of the following information in addition to your reading is important.

Chapter 3: The Expansion of Afro-Eurasian Trade

• Define: Third-wave civilizations – _____

• Define: supply, demand, and scarcity, and describe how these affect prices in a market – _____

• Explain how complementarity (and comparative advantage) works as a basis for trade – _____



• Define opportunity cost, and describe how this affects what is exported or imported – _____

• Define: transferability, and explain how THREE aspects of this concept determine the cost of transportation (and trade) - _____

• Define intervening opportunity, and explain how this affects movement and trade – _____

• Define: friction of distance, and describe how it relates to distance decay - _____

• Contrast absolute distance and relative distance – _____

The Silk Roads

- Define: Silk Road(s), and list several of the luxury goods traded across its routes -

- Briefly explain how the Silk Roads constituted a “relay trade” – _____

- Contrast the geography of the outer and inner zones of Eurasia, and describe the nature of trade between pastoral and agricultural societies – _____

- Briefly explain how powerful states and empires facilitated trade along the Silk Roads – _____

- Identify and describe THREE technological innovations that improved transportation and trade over land – _____

- Briefly discuss the production of silk, as well as its symbolic value toward elite status

- Explain why new money economies became more prevalent over time (include paper currency, banks, bills of exchange, and checks) – _____

- Briefly discuss how Central Asian states – such as Sogdia – facilitated the transfer of goods and culture across the Silk Roads - _____

- Briefly discuss how culture – and specifically Buddhism – diffused across the Silk Roads – _____

- Briefly discuss the impact of disease across the Silk Roads – _____
