

# SILK ROAD

# ESCAPE CODE

**SILK ROAD**

The Silk Road was a 4,000 mile long trade route that began in China and ended in Eastern Europe or Northern Africa. The Silk Road was not just one road but rather a network of routes that connected empires. People in different parts of the world had goods that others wanted, so they devised (planned) the routes to exchange their items. The Silk Road was a name given to all the routes through Syria, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, and India to Xi'an, the ancient capital of China.

Travel on the Silk Road began around 130 BCE by the Han Dynasty. People in the West wanted to trade with the East. They wanted to trade with the East.

**TASK 3: FILL-INS**

DIRECTIONS After reading the passage, use your knowledge to fill in the missing word. Then, UNSCRAMBLE the letters to reveal your mystery word. Use the EXACT wording found in the passage.

1 In 1453, the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire closed the routes and boycotted trade with the west.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese inventions such as the \_\_\_\_\_ and gunpowder traveled to the west.

3 There was also the possibility of \_\_\_\_\_ or pirates attacking the caravans.

4 \_\_\_\_\_ China was the biggest \_\_\_\_\_.

5 \_\_\_\_\_ Freiherr von Richthofen led expeditions along the Silk Road between 1868 to 1872.

6 \_\_\_\_\_ China and \_\_\_\_\_.

7 \_\_\_\_\_ China received goods from other \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ countries such as cotton, \_\_\_\_\_, and silver.

8 \_\_\_\_\_

9 \_\_\_\_\_

**UNSCRAMBLE:**

Shade the following boxes if your mystery word contains the letter.

**BANANA**








C1 - C9  
E1 - E8  
A12 - D12

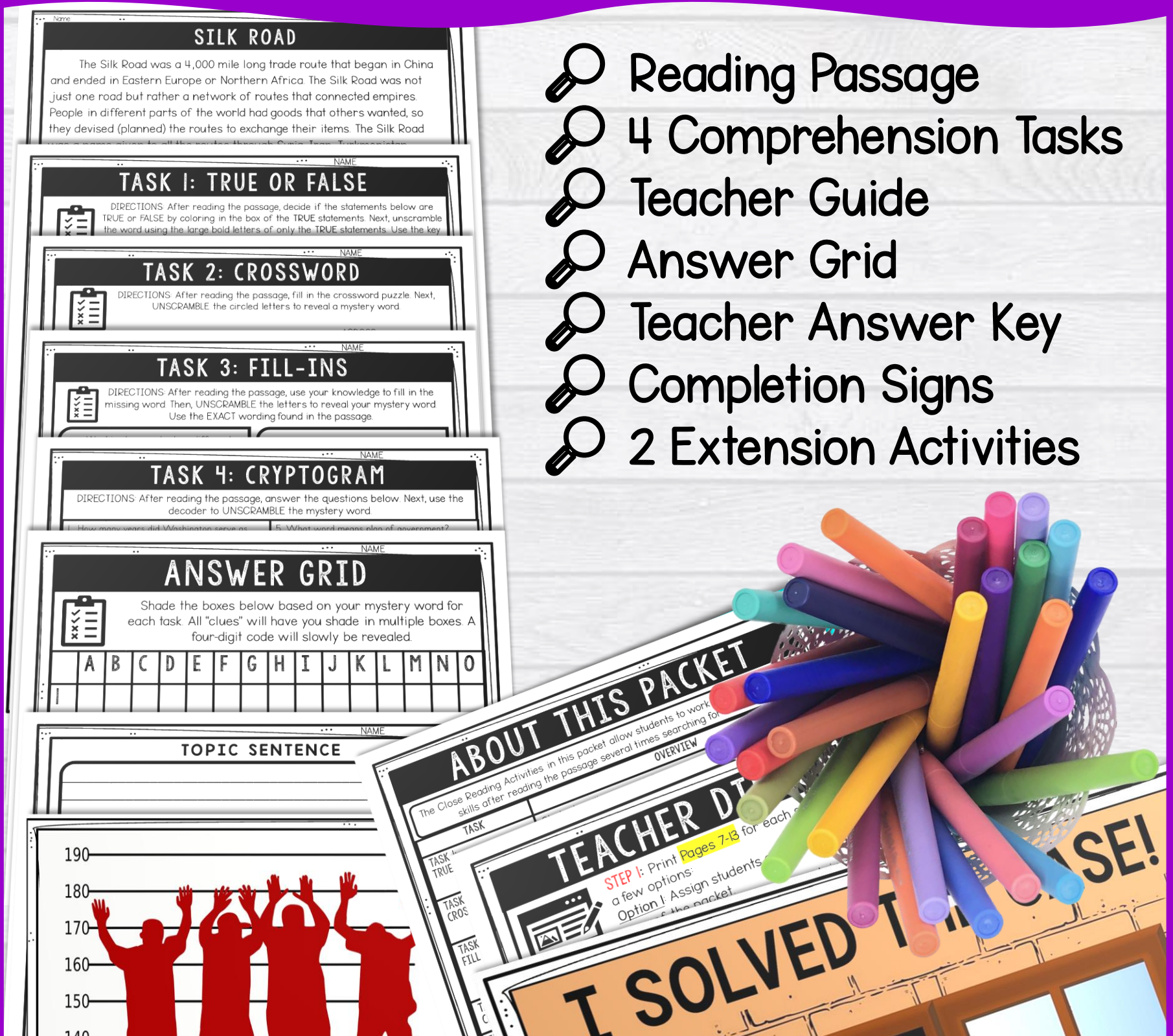
**ANSWER GRID**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
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# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

-  Reading Passage
-  4 Comprehension Tasks
-  Teacher Guide
-  Answer Grid
-  Teacher Answer Key
-  Completion Signs
-  2 Extension Activities



# 4 TASKS

**TASK 2: CROSSWORD**  
DIRECTIONS: After reading the passage, fill in the crossword puzzle. Next, UNSCRAMBLE the circled letters to reveal a mystery word and shade in your answer grid.

**TASK 1: TRUE OR FALSE**  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTIONS: After reading the passage, decide if the statements below are TRUE or FALSE by coloring in the box of the TRUE statements. Next, unscramble the word using the large bold letters of only the TRUE statements. Use the key at the bottom to determine which boxes to shade in on your answer grid.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (L) \_\_\_\_\_ (N)  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (P)  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (R)  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (E)  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (S)  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ (N)  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (P)  
8. \_\_\_\_\_ (R)  
9. \_\_\_\_\_ (E)  
10. \_\_\_\_\_ (S)

**UNSCRAMBLE:**  
Shade the following boxes if your mystery word is a TRIANGLE.  
A12 - B K2 - K

**TASK 3: FILL IN THE BLANKS**  
DIRECTIONS: After reading the passage, use your knowledge of the text to fill in the missing word. Then, UNSCRAMBLE the letters to reveal your answer. Use the key at the bottom to determine which boxes to shade in on your answer grid.

1. In 1453, the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire closed the \_\_\_\_\_ routes and boycotted trade with the west.  
2. One negative aspect of the Silk Road was disease, specifically the \_\_\_\_\_ Plague.  
3. Ferdinand Freiherr von Richthofen made \_\_\_\_\_ expeditions along the Silk Road between 1868 to 1872.  
4. The Silk Road began in China and ended in Eastern Europe or Northern \_\_\_\_\_.  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese inventions such as \_\_\_\_\_ and gunpowder traveled the west.  
6. There was also the possibility of \_\_\_\_\_ or pirates attacking the caravans.  
7. China was the biggest \_\_\_\_\_ of silk.  
8. China received goods from other countries such as cotton, \_\_\_\_\_, and silver.

**UNSCRAMBLE:**  
Shade the following boxes if your mystery word is CANDLES.

**TASK 4: MULTIPLE CHOICE**  
DIRECTIONS: After reading the passage, choose the correct answer for each question. Use the key at the bottom to determine which boxes to shade in on your answer grid.

1. When was the term Silk Road coined by a German geographer?  
A 1857  
B 1867  
C 1877

2. Who was China mostly wanting to trade with?  
A The north  
B The west  
C The east

3. Chinese cities such as \_\_\_\_\_ and Bukhara flourished as people traveled through them.  
A Samarkand  
B Curzola  
C Thebes

4. Marco Polo, a European explorer, used \_\_\_\_\_ to travel to China.  
A Italy  
B England  
C France

5. The Black Death killed about half of the \_\_\_\_\_ population within seven years.

**UNSCRAMBLE:**  
Shade the following boxes if your mystery word is MALARIA.

# GRID ANSWERS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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**UNSCRAMBLE:**

Shade the following boxes if your mystery word is:

**CANDIES**  
G8 - G12    I2 - I4  
A4 - C4    E1 - E5  
E1 - E8

Shade the following boxes if your mystery word is:

**CASCADE**  
C4 - C9    A7 - D7  
K2 - K6    H2 - H9  
I8 - J8

Shade the following boxes if your mystery word is:

**CANDLES**  
I12 - K12    A6 - B6  
G6 - G12    O1 - O8  
I7 - I11

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## ANSWER GRID

Shade the boxes below based on your mystery word for each task. All "clues" will have you shade in multiple boxes. A four-digit code will slowly be revealed.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1															
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Use the MYSTERY WORD to fill in the answer grid!

# NO PREP!

