

SILK ROAD

COMPREHENSION

FILL IN THE BLANK

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

Spices	war
bandits	west
uneven	130

The Silk Road was a 4,000 mile long trade route that began in China and went to the east or Northern _____.

_____ The Silk Road was not a network of routes that connected empires. People in the world had goods that others wanted, so they devised (planned) ways to change their items. The Silk Road was a name given to all the routes that connected the Silk Road, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, and China.

The Silk Road began around _____ BCE by the Han Dynasty. They wanted to trade with the _____ and because of this, they wanted to offer silk to other empires. The Silk Road was able to offer silk to other empires. The Silk Road was known as the Silk Road. Chinese people traveled along the Silk Road and grew as more people traveled along the Silk Road. China offered other goods as well including silk, the route became known as the Silk Road. China also received goods from other countries. China also received goods from other countries. China also received goods from other countries.

TASK 5: TRUE OR FALSE

Directions: Answer each question below by coloring in the box of the TRUE statements. Next, unscramble the word using the large bold letters of only the TRUE statements.

The Silk Road was a 6,000 mile long trade route. B	The Silk Road began in Greece. I	In 1453, the Ottoman Empire closed the routes and boycotted trade with the west. G	Buddhism, a major religion in India, spread to China through the route. C
The first person to coin the term Silk Road was a German geographer. A	Ferdinand Freiherr von Richthofen made eleven expeditions along the Silk Road. D	Black Death killed about half of the European population within just one year. T	Mariposa was the ancient capital of China. L
Kublai Khan ruled the Tang Dynasty. R	The Silk Road served as a way to transfer and trade materials and ideas. N	China needed horses from the west. H	Travel on the Silk Road began around 130 BCE by the Han Dynasty. X
The Bubonic Plague was also known as Black Death. E	The height of the Silk Road was during the Han dynasty. P	Chinese inventions such as the compass and gunpowder traveled to the west. E	China was the biggest producer of silk. S

SECRET WORD

THINK TANK

TASK 4: TEXT

Directions: Find the answers in the text or color them with the color.

YELLOW

BLUE

GREEN

PINK

What country was the Silk Road named after?

Who was the first person to travel the Silk Road?

Why did the Silk Road become so important?

What dynasty began the Silk Road?

Aside from silk, what other goods were traded along the Silk Road?

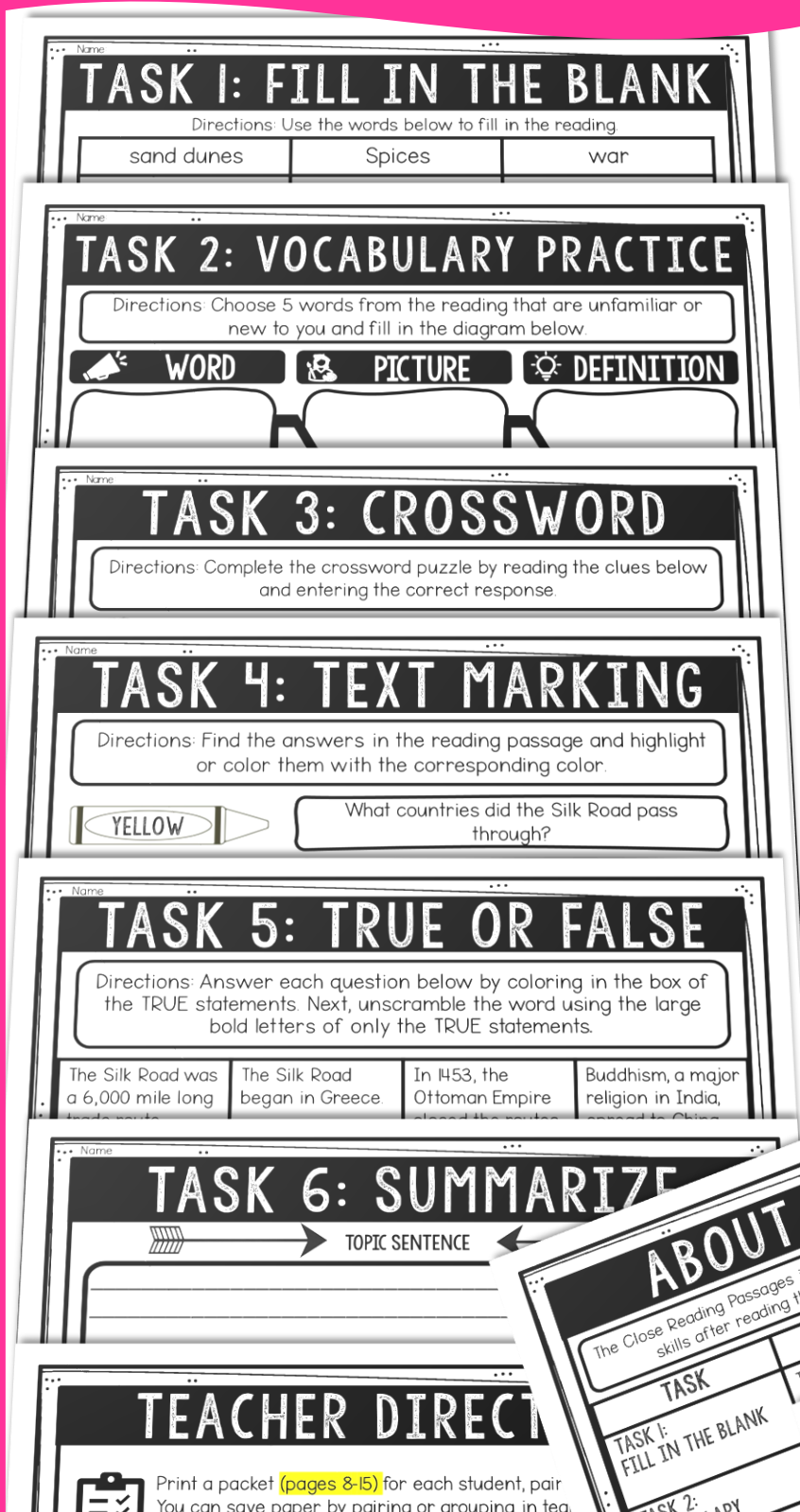
What was the Bubonic Plague also known as?

Directions: Place the following sentence in the reading passage.

Some do not think the Silk Road was as important as it was.

THINK TANK

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



- ✓ Task 1: Fill in the Blank
- ✓ Task 2: Vocabulary
- ✓ Task 3: Crossword Puzzle
- ✓ Task 4: Text Marking
- ✓ Task 5: True or False
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- ✓ Student Completion Sheet
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- ✓ Teacher Guide



6 TASKS

6: SUMMARIZE


TOPIC SENTENCE

SUPPORTING DETAIL

SUPPORTING DETAIL

TASK 3: CROSSWORD

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle by reading the clues below and entering the correct response.



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TASK 2: VOCAB

Directions: Choose 5 words from the list below that are new to you and fill in the boxes.

WORD

WORD

WORD

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WORD

5: TRUE OR FALSE

Answer each question below by coloring in the box of the correct answer. Next, unscramble the word using the large bold letters of only the TRUE statements.

The Silk Road began in Greece.	I	In 1453, the Ottoman Empire closed the routes and boycotted trade with the west.	G
Ferdinand Freiherr von Richthofen made eleven expeditions along the Silk Road.	D	Black Death killed about half of the European population within just one year.	T
The Silk Road served as a way to trade goods.	A	China needed silk for its clothing.	R
Khan ruled the Mongol Dynasty.	B	Buddhism, a religion in India, spread to China through the Silk Road.	M

TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

sand dunes	Spices	war
Africa	bandits	west
silver	uneven	13

The Silk Road was a 4,000 mile long trade route that began in _____ in Eastern Europe or Northern _____. The Silk Road was not one road but rather a network of routes that connected empires. People traded goods that others wanted, so they devised (planned) routes to exchange their items. The Silk Road was a name given to the routes that connected the ancient capital of China, _____, to the Mediterranean Sea.

Travel on the Silk Road began around _____ BCE by the Chinese. They wanted to trade with the _____ and _____ route to do so. China was able to offer silk to other empires. The _____ producer of silk, and it was known to be incredibly soft and _____ others, especially Rome (Italy), wanted this silk. Because of the _____ of silk, the route became known as the Silk Road. Chinese cities _____ and grew as more people traveled the route. China offered other goods as well including tea, _____, and _____ were used for preserving food. In return, they received goods from other countries. _____ China also needed _____ and for trade. _____ merchants traveled the routes in caravans (groups of people and animals who carried the goods). Camels were _____ and rocky. There were many obstacles such as harsh weather and rough terrain through the desert over white-hot _____ mountains. There was also the possibility of _____.

TASK 4: TEXT

Directions: Find the answers in the text or color them with the color of the answer.

YELLOW

BLUE

GREEN

PINK

YELLOW

BLUE

What country was the Silk Road named after?

Who was the first to travel the Silk Road?

Why did the use of the Silk Road decline?

What dynasty began the Silk Road?

Aside from silk, what else was traded?

What was the Bubonic Plague?

Directions: Place the following main idea sentence in the reading passage. Something you have a question do not understand. Something that...

EARN ICONS

As students complete each task, they will bring you their answers for you to quickly check. After checking, they can color in the box on the completion sheet. They will repeat the process until all 6 boxes are colored in.

