

Ancient China

The Silk Road



Belt Buckle

Trade Routes



- Chinese goods became highly valued in other lands, so trade routes began opening up.
 - Silk for horses under Emperor Wudi
- Silk was soon traded all over the continent
- Trade Routes linked China with the rest of the world

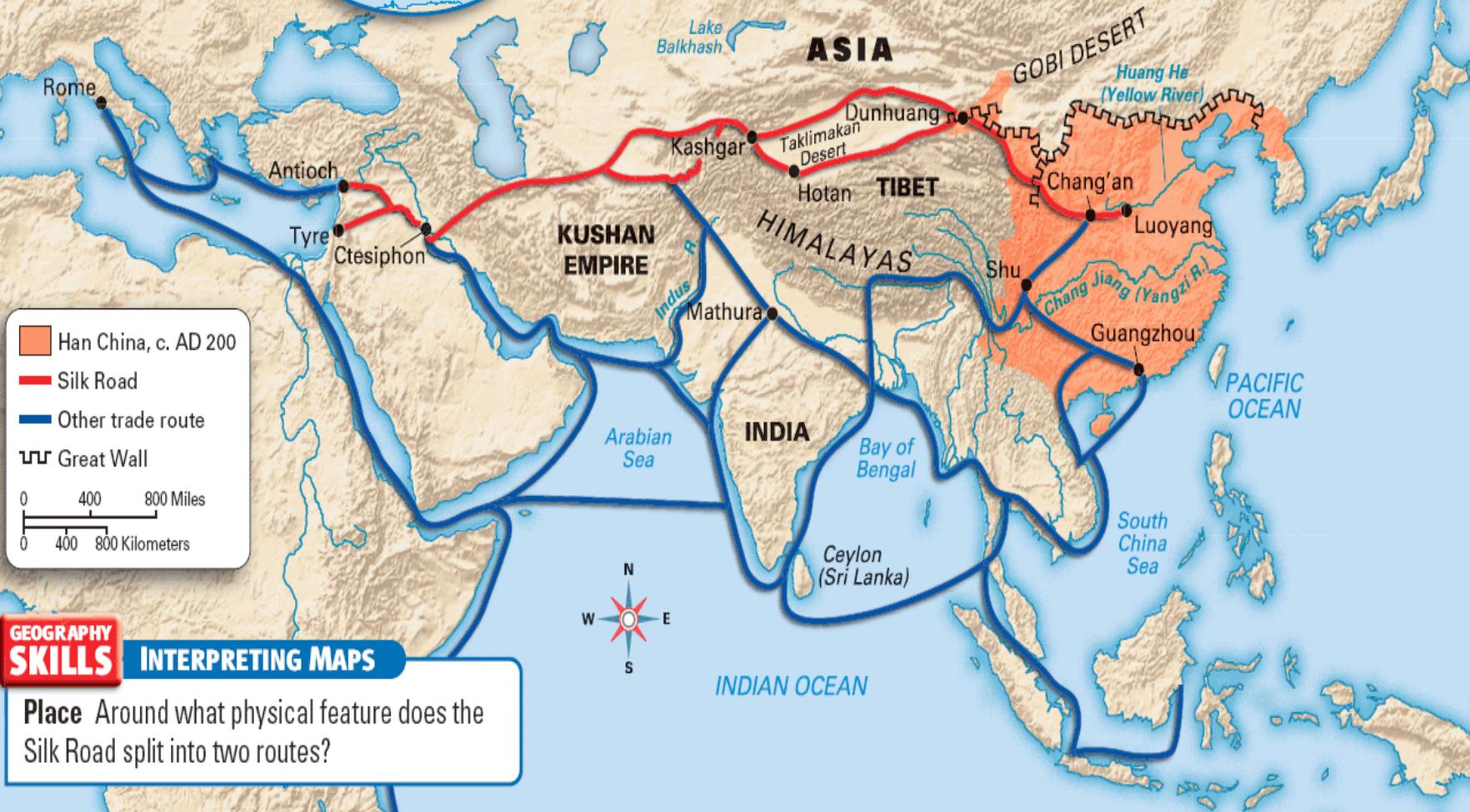
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- ⌘ The Silk Road: A network of routes stretching more than 4,000 miles across Asia
 - ⌘ Started in China and ended in Rome, Italy
- ⌘ Traders had to go in groups for fear of bandits, or help through the rough terrain
- ⌘ Chinese traders only used the road until they reached Central Asia, and then gave their goods to local traders
- ⌘ China grew rich from trading silk with other lands



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- & The Silk Road was not one road
 - ∅ It was many branches
 - ∅ They all began in province of Xi'an
- & Silk was not the only item traded
 - ∅ Gold, silver, ivory, fur, iron, and bronze
- & The Silk Road opened up China to the rest of the world



Buddhism Comes to China

- ⌘ New ideas came into China as a result of the Silk Road
- ⌘ Buddhism is an example of a new idea in China
 - ⌘ After coming into contact with Indian Buddhists on trade routes, many Chinese brought the Buddhist teachings home to China
- ⌘ Soon many people adopted Buddhism as their religion
 - ⌘ Buddhism in China = Cultural Diffusion

