

The Silk Road

Task: Colour and illustrate a map and answer the questions regarding The Silk Road starting at Chang'an and ending in Alexandria. (You may choose other destinations at either end.)

The map will illustrate:

a route of The Silk Road	Mountain ranges	Deserts
The Roman Empire	Major bodies of Water (Seas and Bays) (including the Mediterranean Sea)	China
Egypt	India	Iran

Consult page 89 of your text and pages 110 – 111 and 118 – 119 of The Nystrom Atlas.

Questions:

1) How long was the route? Measure the route using a piece of paper, a pencil and the map scale. _____

2) Assuming that a caravan might cover 10 kms per day, how long would it take to travel between the 2 destinations? _____

3) Describe the environments travellers would have passed through on such a journey. What physical regions and barriers would the route have crossed? Describe the climate the travellers would have encountered. _____

4) Why is the term *road* not an appropriate term to describe this system of trade? _____