

Introduction to the Silk Road- Answer Key

1. The Silk Road was not an actual road. It was a 4,000 mile trade network that linked China to other parts of the world, like Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

2. The Silk Road began in the city of Xi'an in eastern China. The Silk Road received its name because of the silk fabric traders carried from China to cities and towns in the Middle East and Europe.

3. **Answers may vary.** Example Answer:

1. Tea, originated in the East
2. Horses, originated in the West
3. Camels, originated in the West
4. Weapons, originated in the West
5. Rice, originated in the East

4. Traders traveled in groups to protect themselves from potential thieves on the route. The journey was dangerous because of harsh weather and potential bandits or pirates.