

# Crash Course World History #18

## Indian Ocean Trade

The Monsoon Marketplace: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6XtBLDmPA0>



### Key Concepts

Expansion and Intensification of Communication and Exchange Networks

- I. Improved transportation technologies and commercial practices led to an increased volume of trade, and expanded the geographical range of existing and newly active trade networks.
  - A. Existing trade routes flourished and promoted the growth of powerful new trading cities.
  - B. Required examples: The Indian Ocean basins
  - C. The growth of interregional trade in *luxury* goods was encouraged by significant innovations in previously existing transportation and commercial technologies, including more sophisticated *caravan organization*; use of the compass, astrolabe, and larger ship designs in sea travel; and *new forms of credit and monetization*. (Silk and cotton textiles, porcelain, spices, precious metals and gems, slaves, exotic animals)
  - D. The expansion of *empires* facilitated Trans-Eurasian trade and communication as new peoples were drawn into their conquerors' economies and trade networks.
- II. Cross-cultural exchanges were fostered by the intensification of existing, or the creation of new, networks of trade and communication.
  - B. In key places along important trade routes, merchants set up *diasporic communities* where they introduced their own cultural traditions into the indigenous culture. (Muslim merchant and Jewish communities in the Indian Ocean region)
  - D. Increased cross-cultural interactions resulted in the *diffusion of literary, artistic, and cultural traditions*. (Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia)

### Directions:

- 1. Read the Key Concepts.**
- 2. Preview the video viewing questions.**
- 3. Watch Crash Course #18 Indian Ocean Trade *once without* taking notes.**
- 4. Watch the video again and answer the video viewing questions in complete sentences (except # 1).**

1. When did the "Monsoon Marketplace" gained popularity? Who participated in Indian Ocean trading?

2. How did the Mongols contribute to the decline of trading by sea?

3. Trading can be said to be about supply and demand. What kinds of resources were available in the marketplace?

4. Explain the logistics of the monsoon season. How might that have contributed to the popularity of the "Monsoon Marketplace?"

5. Why did new cities and empires form along the trade routes?

6. What made Muslim merchants successful enough to be such key players in Indian Ocean trading?

7. Explain the Kota Rani story. Why was her empire (and therefore herself) so desirable? What did she construct?

8. Explain some of the positive effects of the Indian Trading routes.

a.

b.

c.

9. How did the “Monsoon Marketplace” contribute to the spread of Islam to places in Asia? Why were people open to embracing Islam?

10. Recount the Srivijaya example.

11. How did taxes allow for city-states along the trading routes become wealthy?

12. Why is trade not exactly the best strategy to building an empire? How can it lead to the downfall of a city state?