

Using *America: A History of Our Nation* pages 16-19, answer the following questions **on the map** as you read.

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**In your own words, explain what you think a merchant is.** Answer in the space below. Use the information from the reading to help you.

### The Muslim Link in Trade

1. Circle and label the Arabian Peninsula. Why was its location ideal for a trading center?
2. Indicate on the map what kinds of goods were **imported** to the Arabian Peninsula and where they were **exported** from.
3. Indicate on the map (shade and label) the spread of Islam.
4. What ideas did Arab scholars pass on? Where did these ideas spread? Indicate this on the map. (Arabs are people that speak the Arabic language and come from Northern Africa and the Arabian Peninsula.)

### The African Link in Trade

1. Indicate on the map where Zimbabwe is and how it played a role in trade within Africa.
2. How did Kilwa (located on the coast of Tanzania) play a role in trade within Africa and with Asia? Identify trade patterns and what was traded.
3. Identify trade routes between Ghana and the Middle East. What was traded on these routes? Label the desert these routes had to cross.
4. Timbuktu was a center for trade and learning. What types of goods were **exported** from Timbuktu?

### The East Asian Link in Trade

1. Why were the Chinese able to trade so much by sea? What inventions allowed them to do that?
2. What kinds of goods were traded to and from Asia and Africa?
3. Persia (which is the present day country of Iran) and China were linked through the Silk Road. Indicate the course of the Silk Road on the map.
4. Where did the trade routes go after they reached Persia? What was traded on these routes?

**How did trade link Europe, Africa, and Asia?** Answer in the space below.

