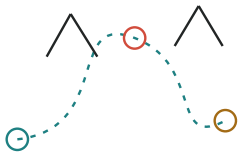
The Silk Road



Name _____ Date _____

1 Recall, then make a connection.

Start from memory. Write a meaning or quick example for each term.

Network	Intermediary	Adaptation

Use network and intermediary to explain how an object could move without one traveler completing the whole journey. What does adaptation add to an account of cultural exchange?

Context for the task

The Silk Roads were a changing network of land and sea connections, not one highway from one endpoint to another. Goods often passed through several merchants. Travelers carried languages, religious practices, techniques, and stories along with their cargo. Communities adopted and adapted these influences rather than simply copying them unchanged.

2 Work with the numbers.

Count the practice route

Fictional map: Oasis A to Town B costs 3 travel tokens; Town B to Port C costs 4; Oasis A to Pass D costs 5; Pass D to Port C costs 5. These tokens are invented, not historical prices.

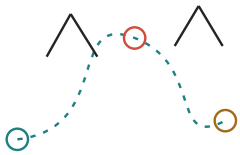
How many tokens does the route through Town B require?

Show your calculation. Label the quantities you use.

Answer: _____ tokens

What can this result show? What would need more evidence?

Evidence, application & transfer.



3 Read the evidence closely.

Contact is not sameness

A display argues that cultural exchange made all connected communities identical.

Select all evidence that challenges this interpretation.

A. Local artists combine an imported motif with an established regional style.

B. A translated text uses local language and explanatory terms.

C. A trader records that a package arrived.

D. A map shows two connected ports.

Selections: _____ Explain your reasoning:

4 Apply the idea.

The map claim

A museum label says every Silk Road trader traveled all the way from China to the Mediterranean. The briefing describes exchanges involving several merchants and connected routes.

Which correction best fits?

A. Goods and ideas could move through many intermediaries without one person traveling the entire network.

B. Every merchant used exactly the same road.

C. Only silk moved between regions.

My choice: _____ Explain why it fits:

5 Carry the idea forward.

Write an exhibit panel showing how a trade network can change a community without making every community the same. Include one material exchange, one cultural exchange, and one limit of the route model.