

Eastern Hemisphere in the Middle Ages



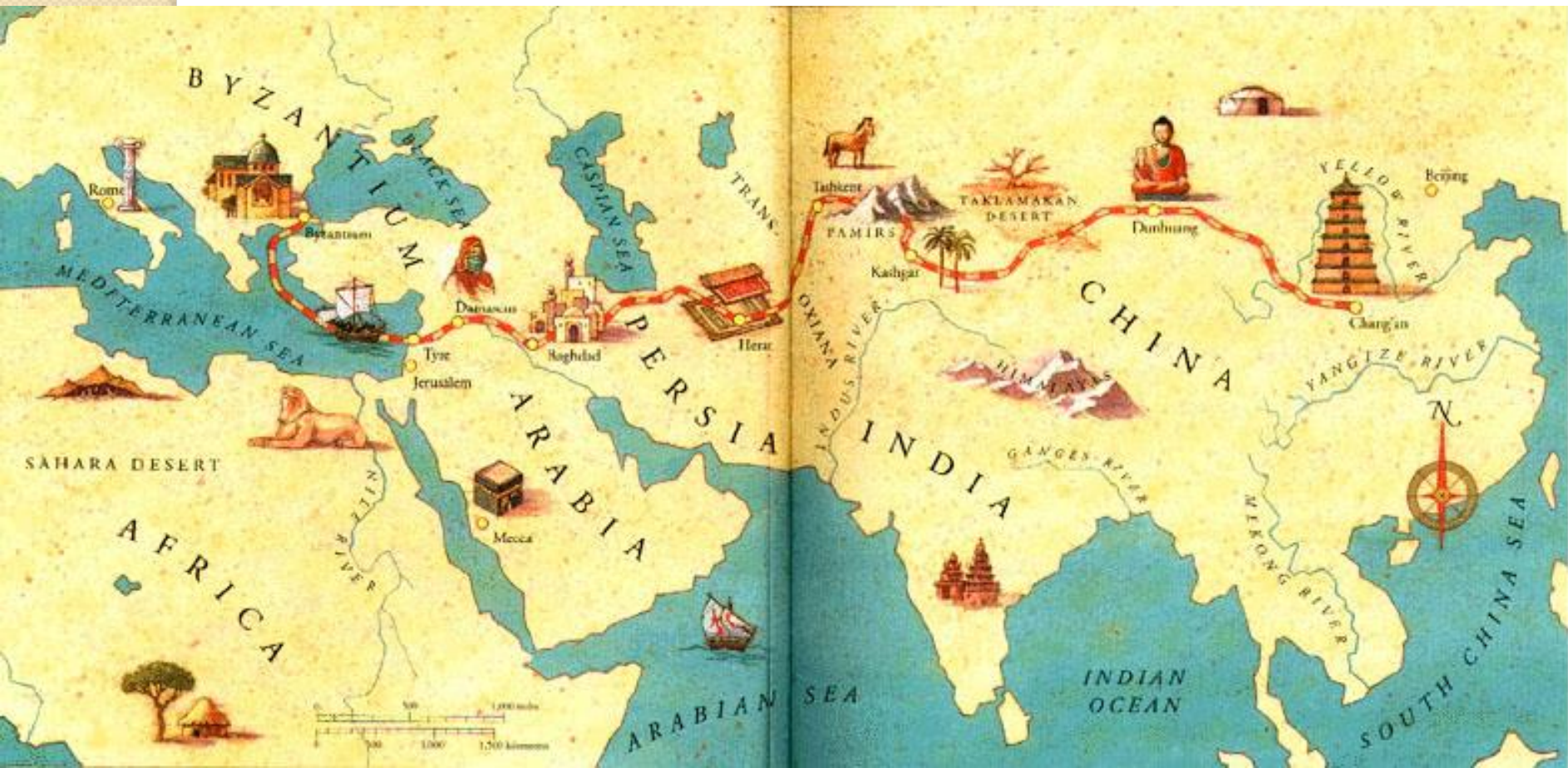
The Eastern Hemisphere

BACKGROUND:

DURING THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD
SEVERAL MAJOR TRADE ROUTES
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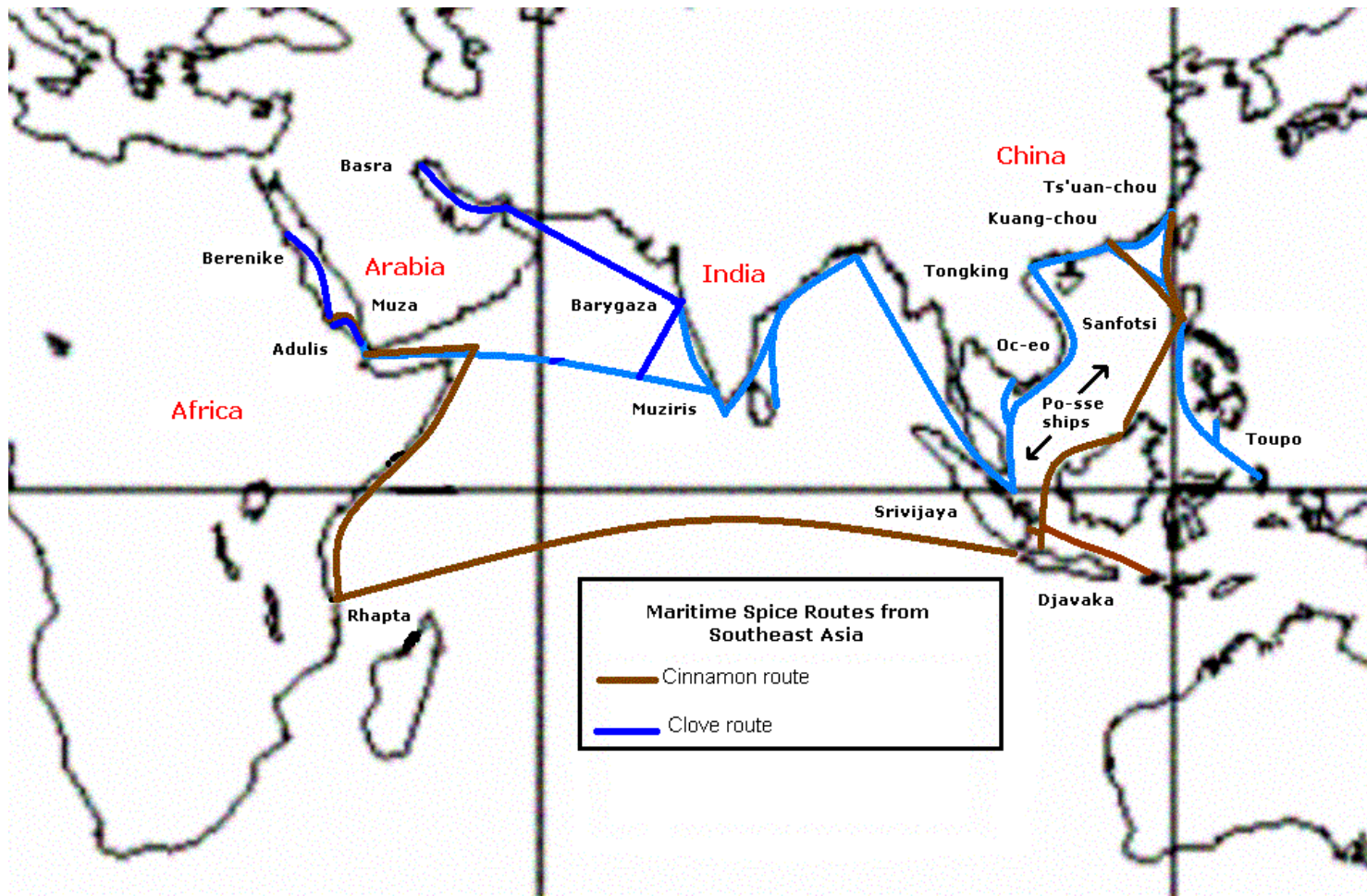
Major Trade Routes in the Eastern Hemisphere from 1000-1500 A.D.:

I. Silk Roads across Asia to the Mediterranean basin



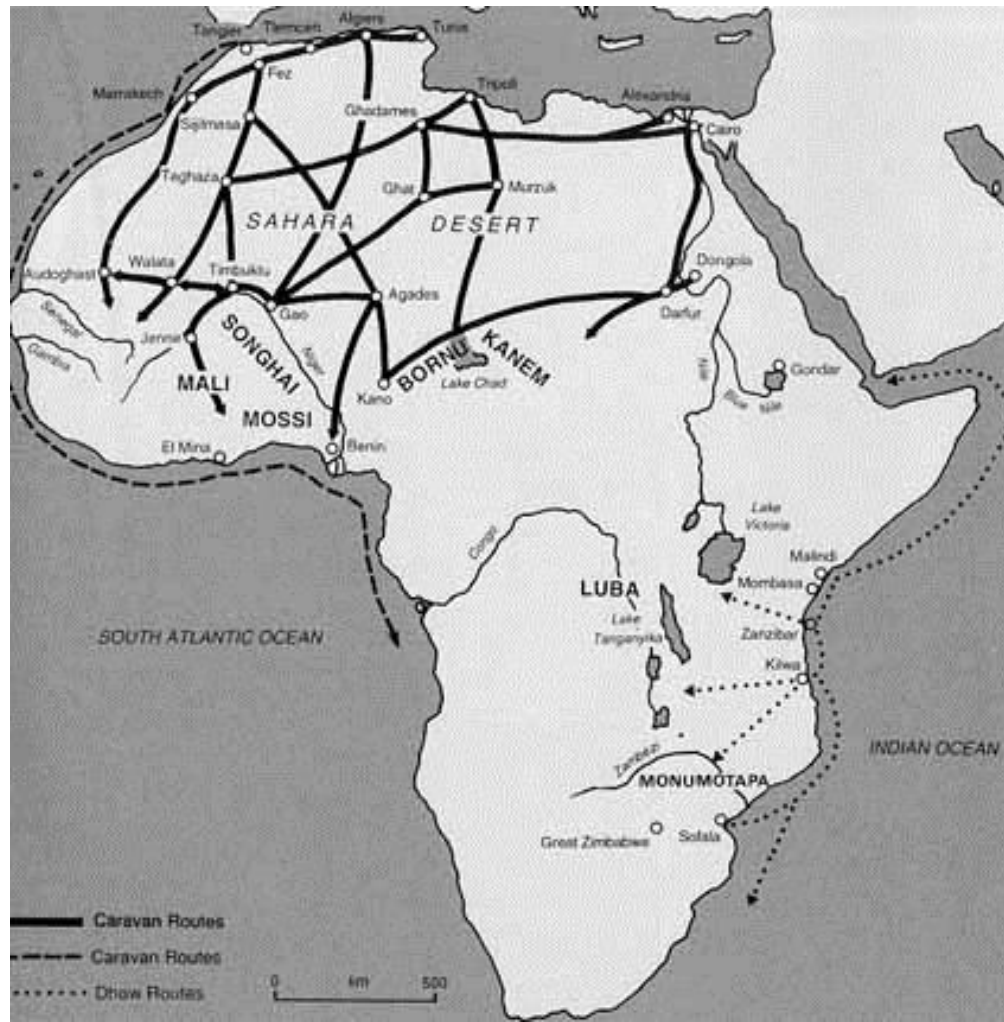
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2. Maritime routes across the Indian Ocean



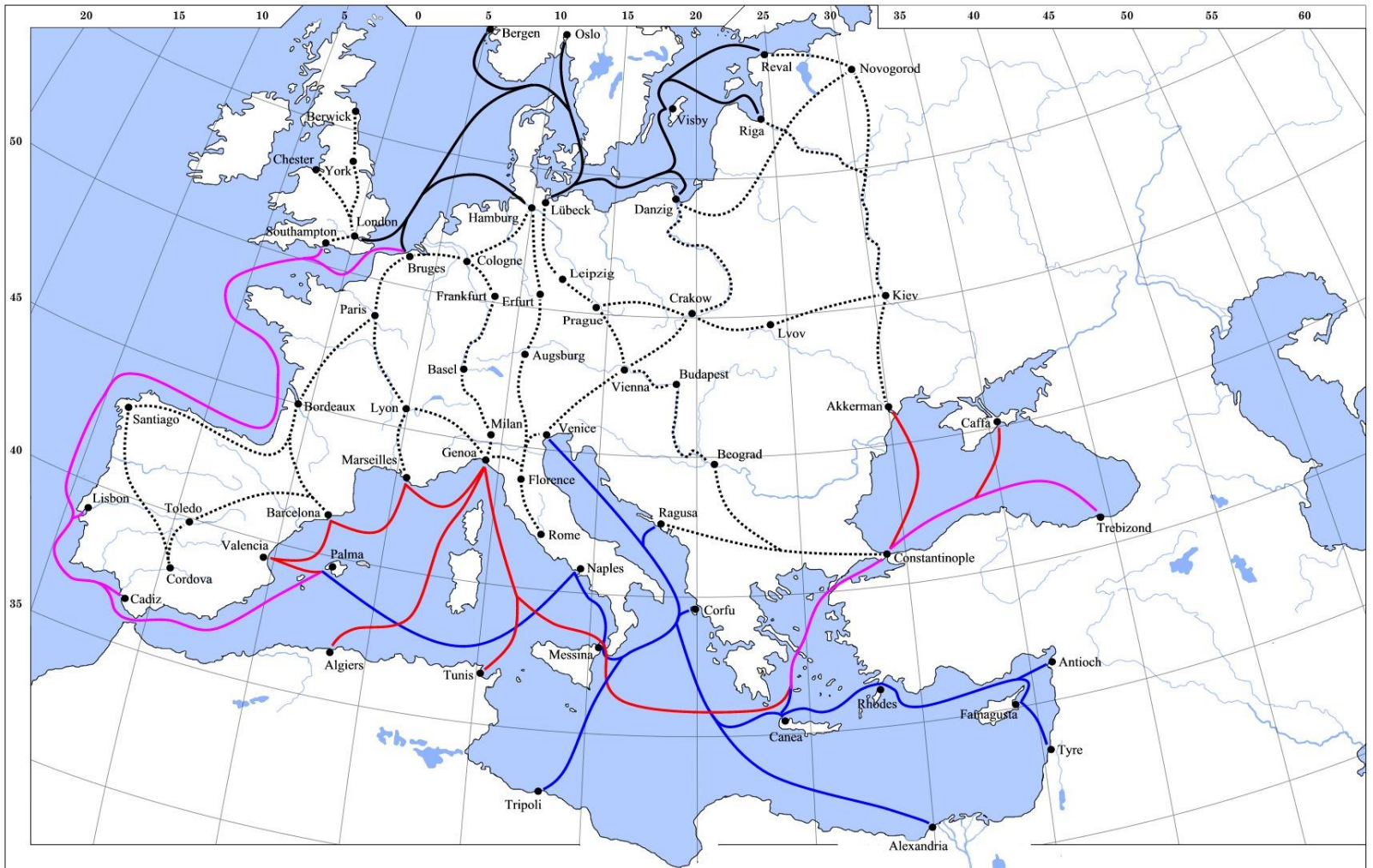
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3. Trans-Saharan routes across North Africa



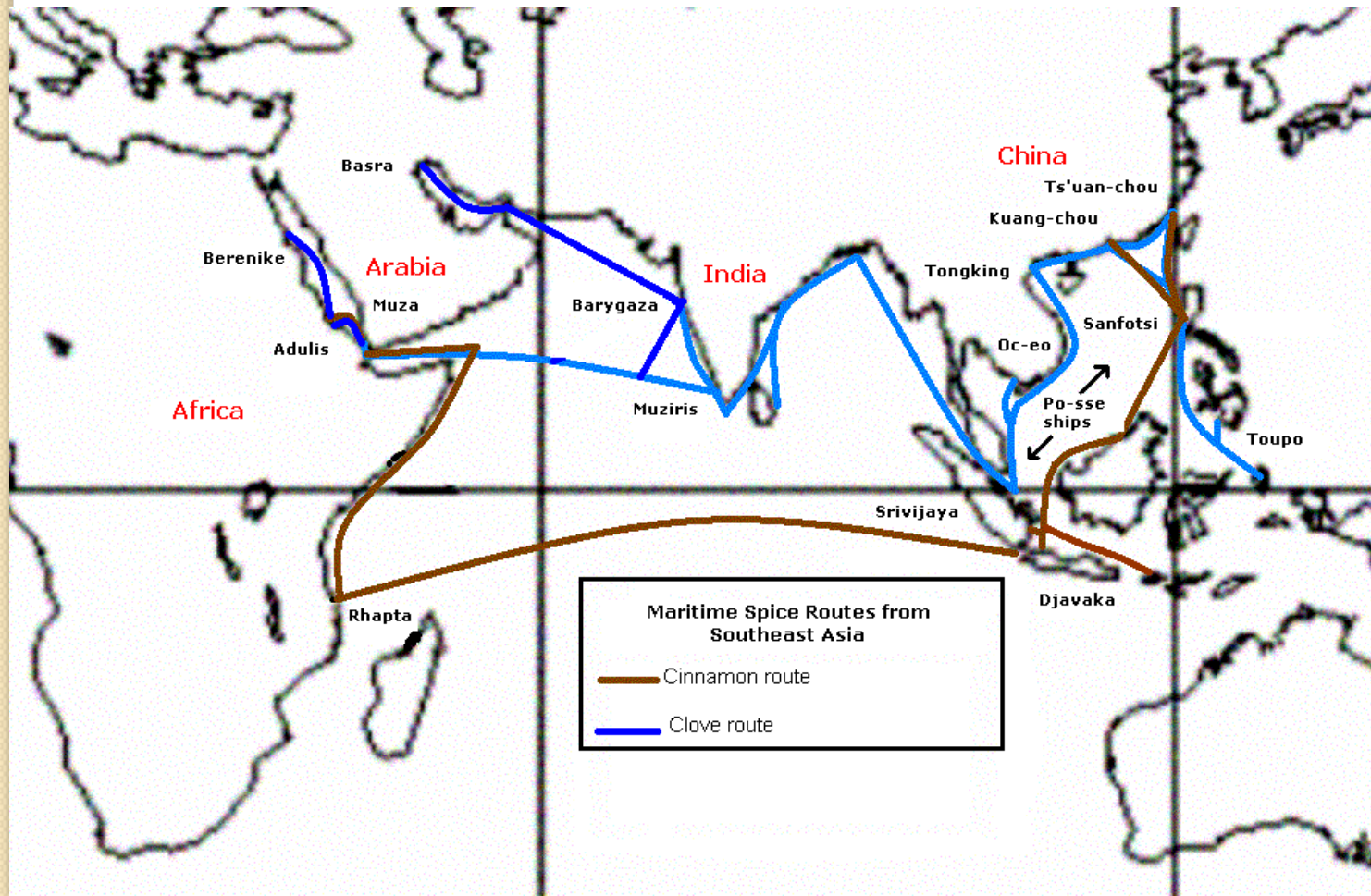
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4. Western European sea and river trade



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5. South China Sea and lands of Southwest Asia

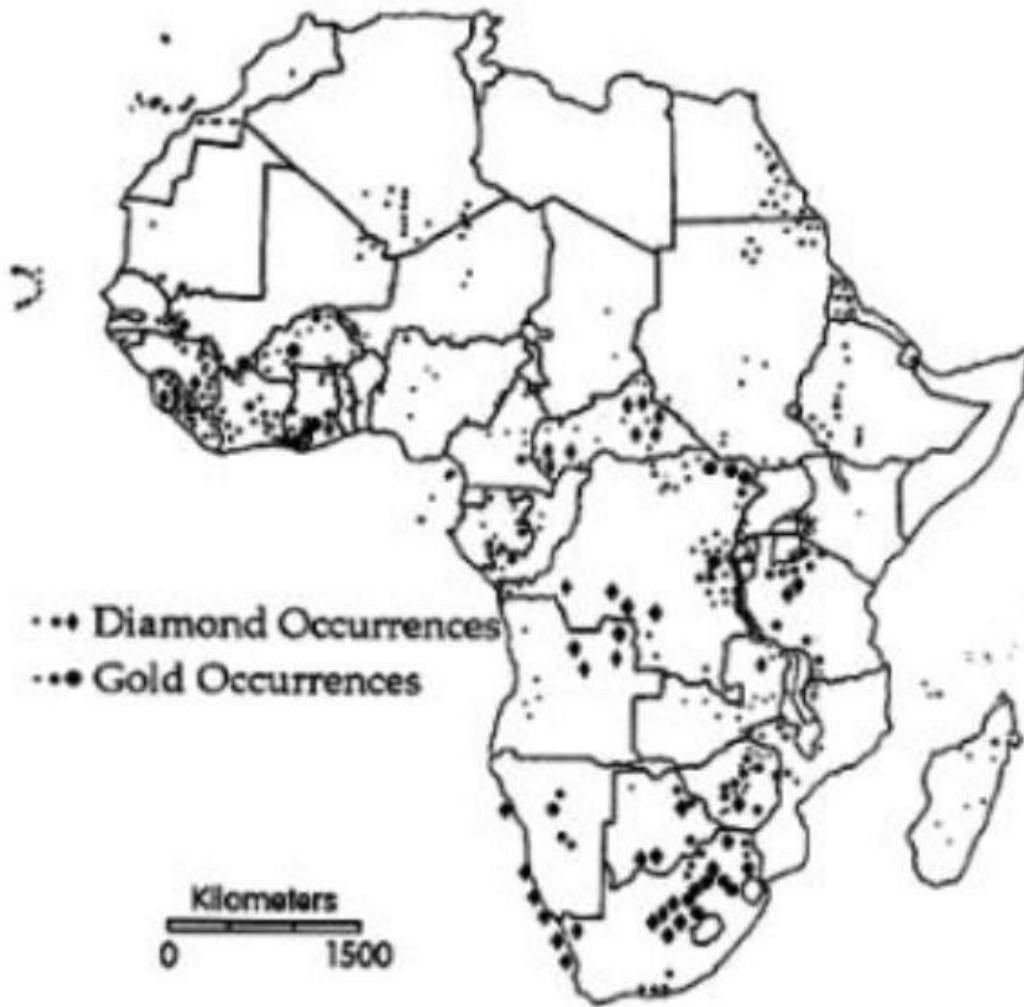


SIGNIFICANCE – REGIONAL TRADE NETWORKS AND LONG-DISTANCE TRADE ROUTES IN THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE **AIDED** THE **DIFFUSION** AND EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND CULTURE BETWEEN EUROPE, AFRICA AND ASIA.

Trade facilitated the diffusion of goods and ideas among different cultures:

Goods

- Gold from West Africa
- Spices from lands around the Indian Ocean
- Textiles from India, China, the Middle East, and later Europe
- Porcelain from China and Persia



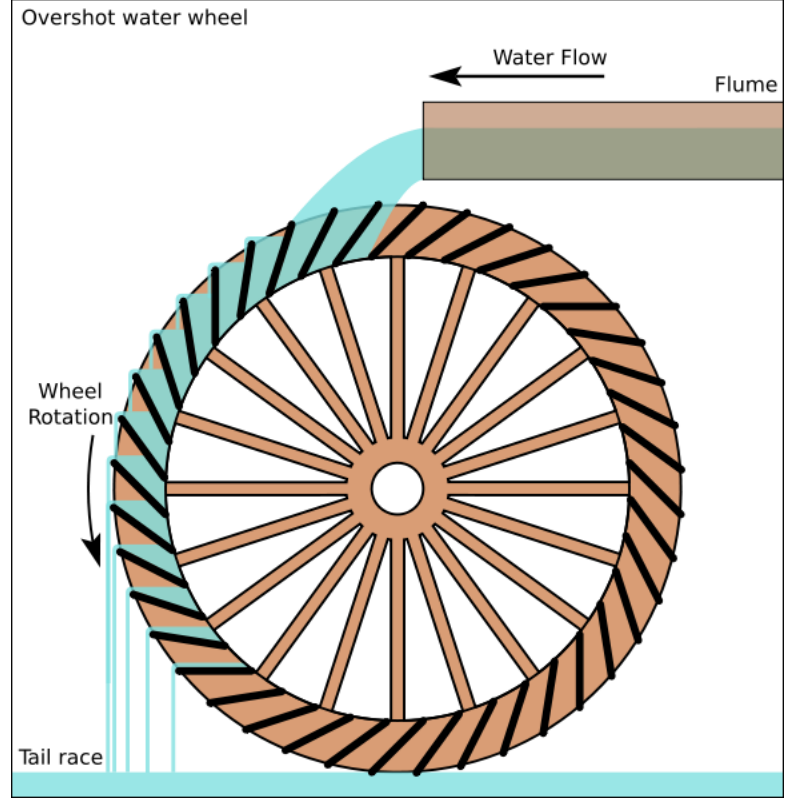
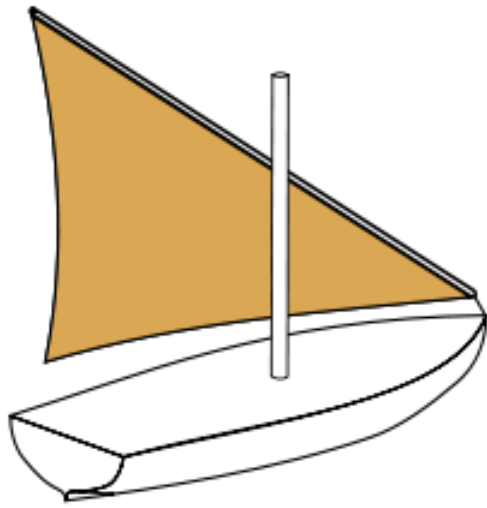
Diamond and Gold Occurrences



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Technology

- Paper from China through the Muslim world to Byzantium and W. Europe
- Waterwheels and windmills
- Navigation – Compass from China, lateen sail from Indian Ocean



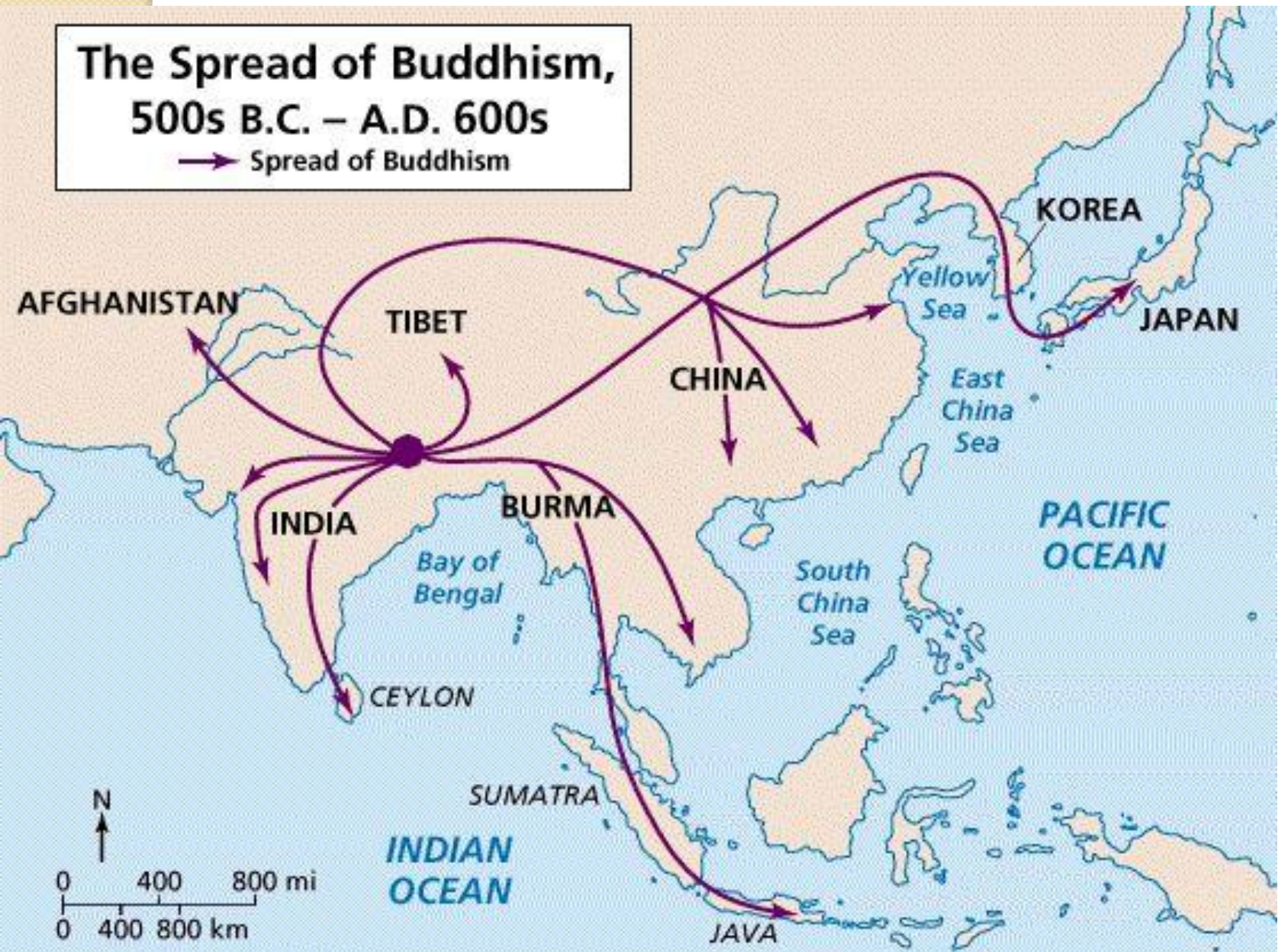
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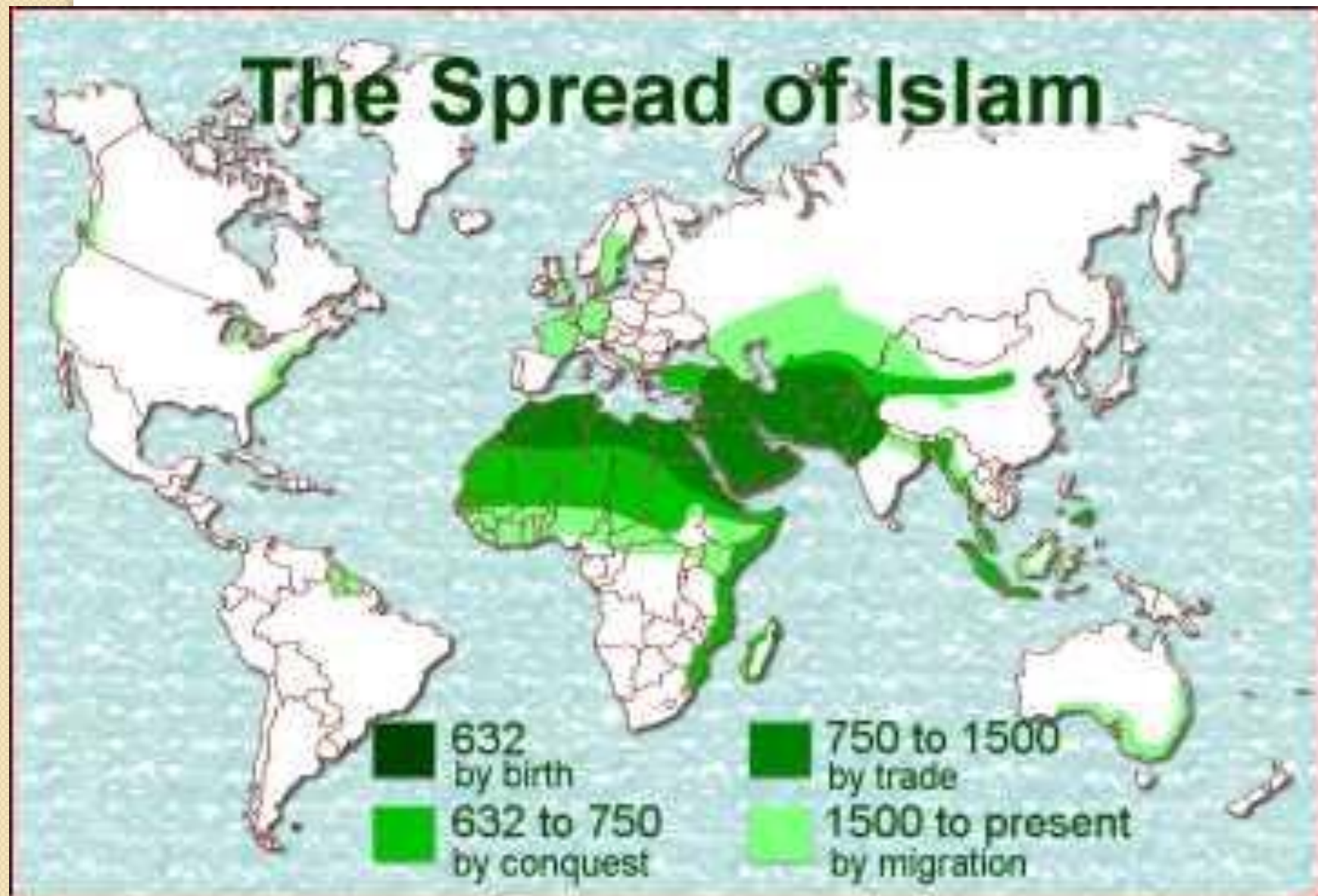
- Spread of religions across the hemisphere
 - Buddhism from China to Korea and Japan
 - Hinduism and Buddhism from India to S.E. Asia
 - Islam into West Africa, Central and Southeast Asia
- Printing and paper money from China

The Spread of Buddhism, 500s B.C. – A.D. 600s

→ Spread of Buddhism



The Spread of Islam





Geographic Labels: Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Nile, Congo, Zambezi, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Equator, Fez, Tripoli, Alexandria, Cairo, Mogadishu, Zanzibar I., Mozambique, Sofala, Zimbabwe, Kilwa, Swahili City-States, Benin, Mali, Ashanti, Oyo, Ife City-State, Axim, Kano, Kongo, Luba, Mwanamutapa, Khoikhoi, San, Bantu, Pygmies, Nilotes, Ethiopians, Indonesians, To India.

Empires and States: Hafsids, Ziyarids, Marinids, Mameluke Empire, Songhai, Hausa City-States, Kanem, Mali, Ashanti, Oyo, Benin, Kongo, Luba, Mwanamutapa, Swahili City-States.

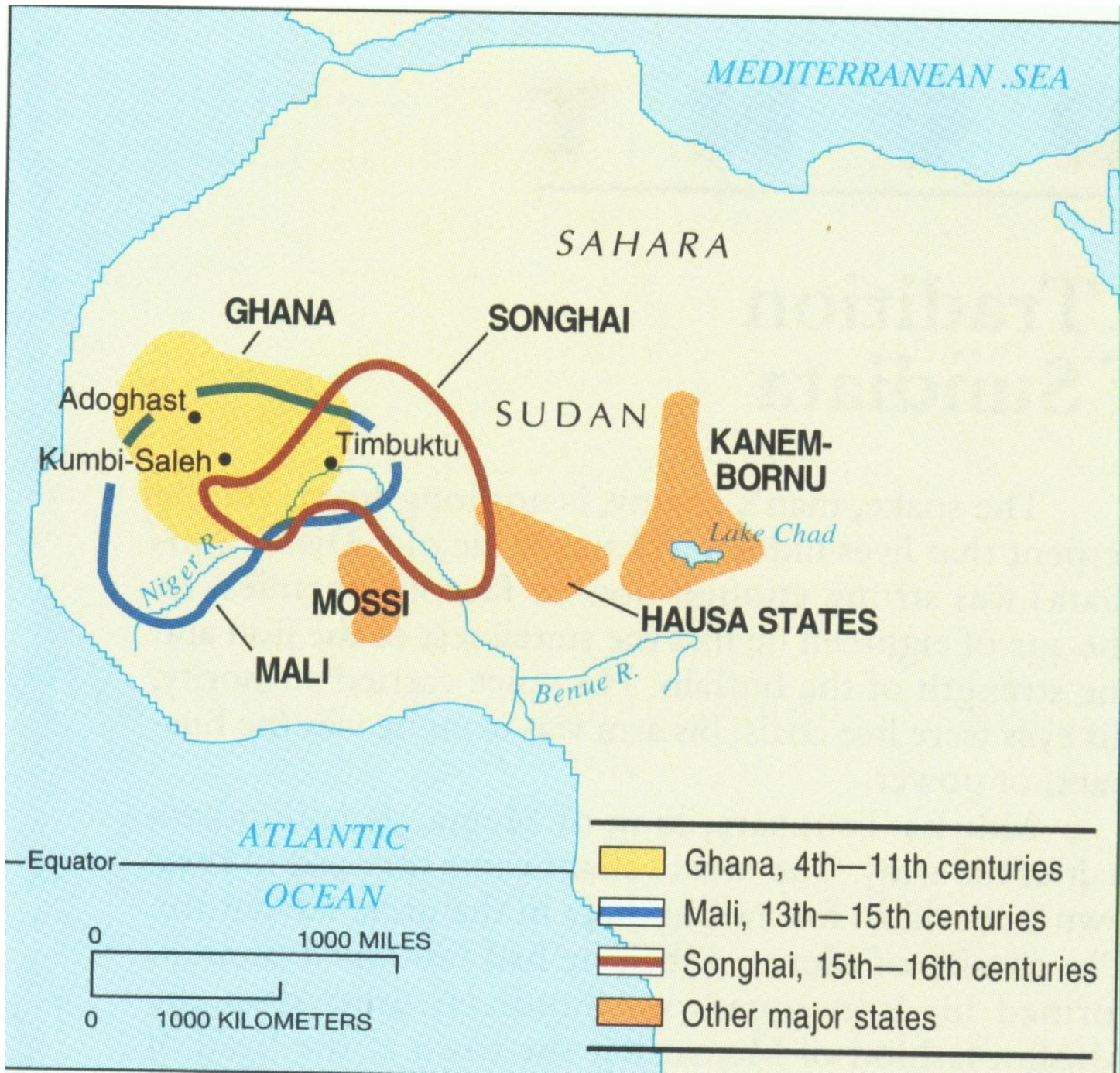
Ethnic Groups: Berbers, Tuaregs, Bedouins, Bantu, Khoikhoi, San, Pygmies, Nilotes, Ethiopians, Indonesians.

Resources and Trade: GOLD, SALT, COPPER, GOLD, IVORY. Land trade routes connect the Mediterranean, Sahara, and Indian Ocean. Sea trade routes connect the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.


African civilizations developed in sub-Saharan West and East Africa

States and Empires that flourished in Africa during the medieval period:

- Ghana, Mali, and Songhai in west Africa
- Axum in east Africa
- Zimbabwe in southern Africa







Significance* – Trade brought important **economic, cultural and religious influences** to **African civilizations** from other parts of the **Eastern Hemisphere*

Crash Course Overview

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvnU0v6hcUo>

Axum

- Location relative to the Ethiopian Highlands and the Nile River
- Christian kingdom
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-9SPvQag-k>



Zimbabwe

- Location relative to the Zambezi and Limpopo rivers
- On coast of the Indian Ocean
- City of Great Zimbabwe as capital of a prosperous empire



Zimbabwe Video – 3 min

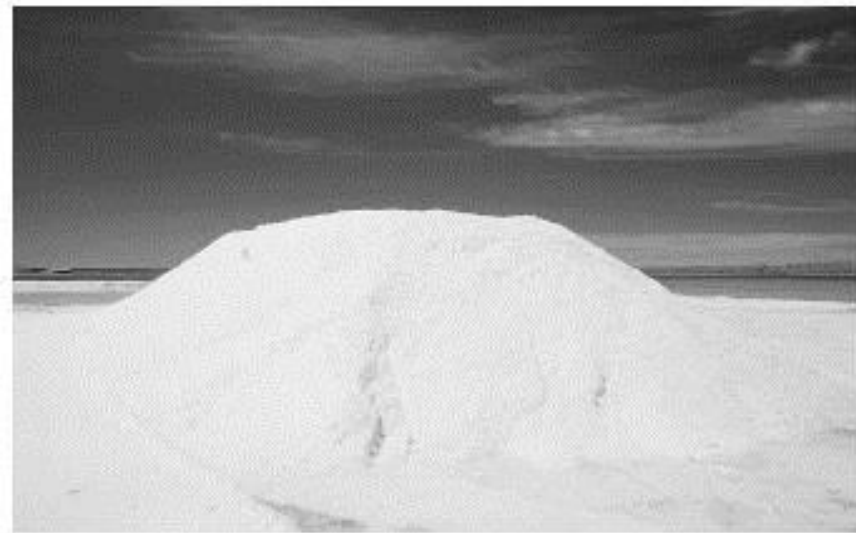
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2JR2FVrDHM>
- Short film on the Great Zimbabwe

West African kingdoms Videos

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqB5LYNPes4>
- Watch video on Ghana, Mali and Songhai

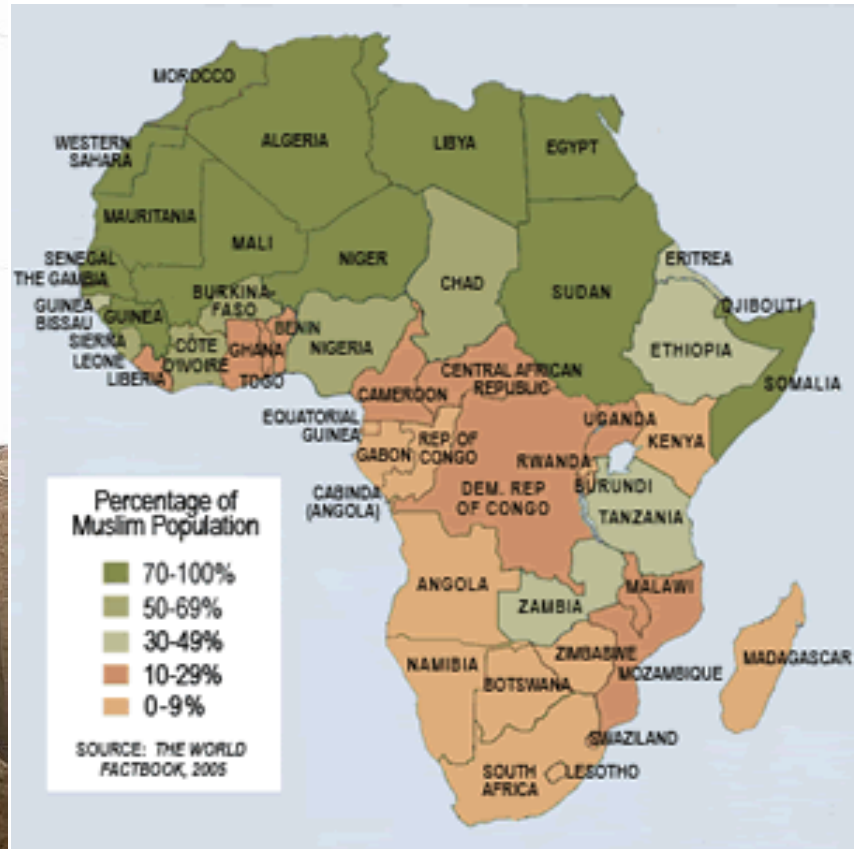
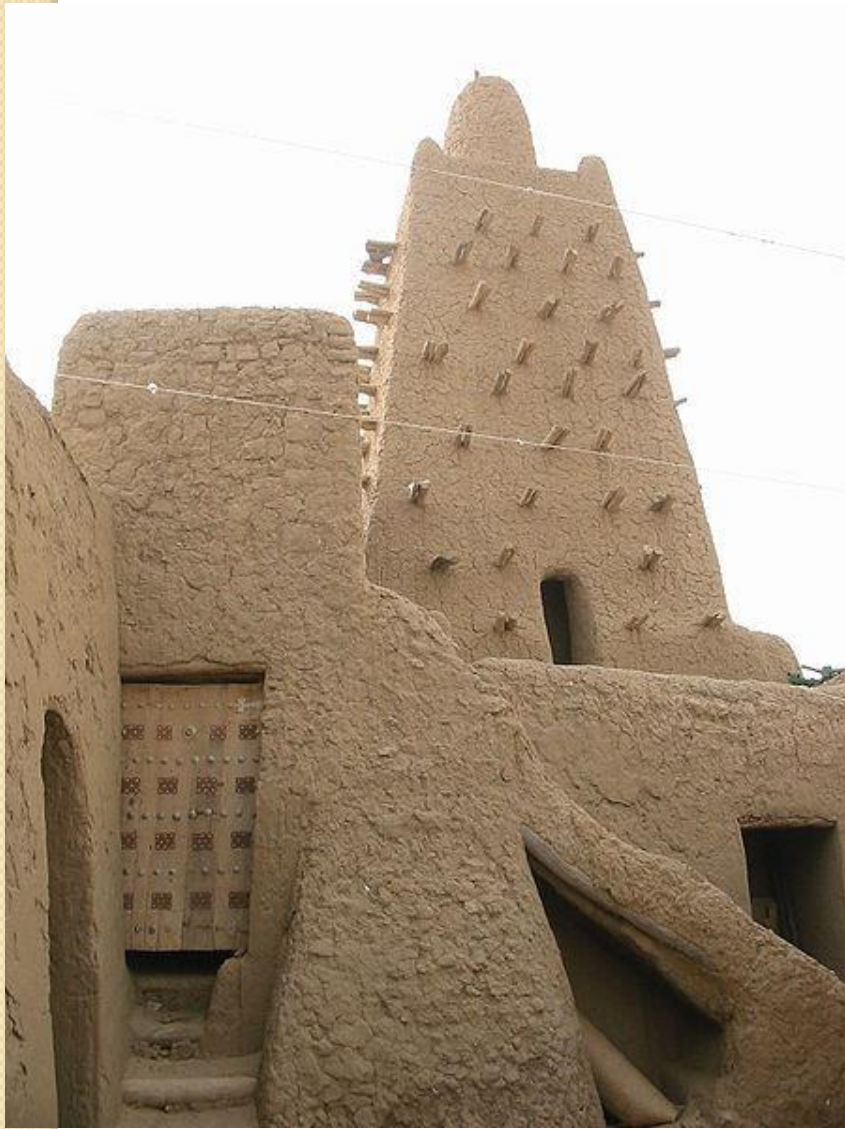
West African kingdoms

- Location of Ghana, Mali, Songhai empires relative to Niger River and the Sahara Desert
- Importance of gold and salt to trans-Saharan trade



West African kingdoms

- City of Timbuktu as center of trade and learning
- Video on Timbuktu:
 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6wKaIEzxGo&feature=related&safety_mode=true&persist_safety_mode=1&safe=active
- Role of animism and Islam
 - Animism – spirits in animals, plant, natural forces, that play in important role in regulating daily life



Japanese cultural development was influenced by proximity to China:

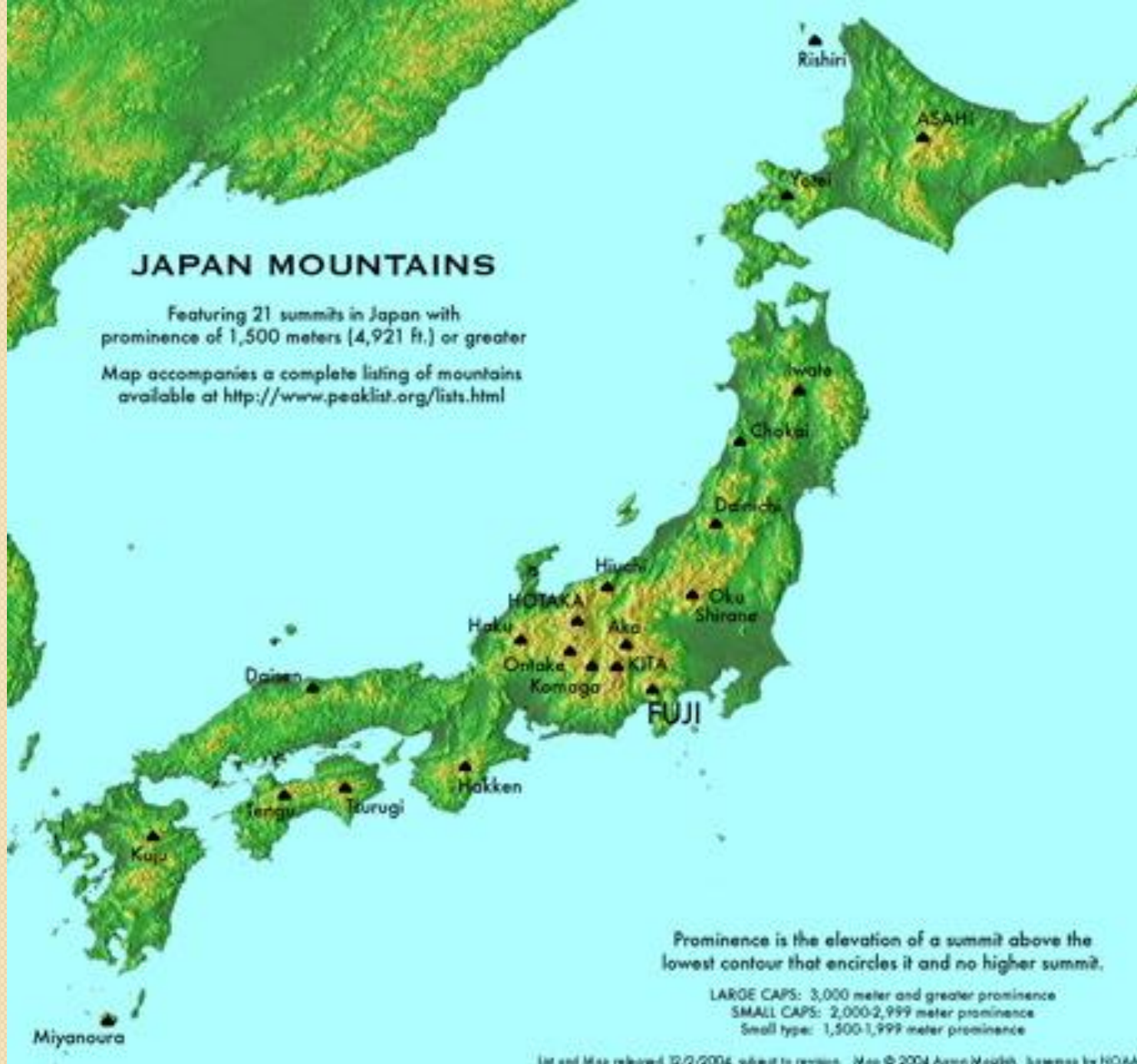
Influence of geography on Japan's development:

- Mountainous Japanese archipelago (four main islands)
- Sea of Japan or East Sea between Japan and Asian mainland
- Proximity to China and Korea

JAPAN MOUNTAINS

Featuring 21 summits in Japan with prominence of 1,500 meters (4,921 ft.) or greater

Map accompanies a complete listing of mountains available at <http://www.peaklist.org/lists.html>



Prominence is the elevation of a summit above the lowest contour that encircles it and no higher summit.

LARGE CAPS: 3,000 meter and greater prominence

SMALL CAPS: 2,000-2,999 meter prominence

Small type: 1,500-1,999 meter prominence

Miyanoura



Japanese cultural development
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China:

Chinese culture influenced Japanese culture:

- Writing, architecture, Buddhism



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Religion in Japan:

- Shinto and Buddhism coexisted as religious traditions in the Japanese culture



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Shinto Traditions:

- Ethnic religion unique to Japan
- Importance of natural features, forces of nature, and ancestors
- State religion; worshipping the emperor
- Coexistence with Buddhism