

Trans-Saharan Trade with Ibn Battuta

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1. Why could the plague not spread across the Sahara?
2. Ibn Battuta and the Tuareg were trading _____ which was important because...
3. Ibn Battuta traded his salt with what kingdom?
4. Timbuktu was known for its university. Why was this university so impressive?

Venetian Trade and the Renaissance

11:42 -16:50

5. What European city became a key financial center?
6. Why must Pietro Venier catch the Enrico, the thief?
7. Describe the meaning of this statement: “They were buying collections for themselves, but they were meant for eternity.”

Red Turban Uprising and the Founding of the Ming Dynasty

16:50 –

25:58

8. Why was the Mongol grip on power loosening?
9. Zhu Yanzhang, his wife Ma, and Jiao Yu planned an uprising. What new technology did Jiao Yu invent to help him with this uprising?

10. In your opinion, how would the Mongols (the earliest targets of firearms) have felt when confronted with this new technology?

11. Ming means “bright.” Why did Zhu Yanzhang name his dynasty the Ming dynasty?

Johannes Gutenberg and the Printing Press

25:58 – 30:36

12. Before the printing press, how did they produce books?

13. The first book they printed was the Bible. Why do you think they chose that book?

Columbus

30:52 – 44:13

14. After Columbus survived a shipwreck and pirate attack, what did he believe about himself?

15. What book inspired Columbus to want to go exploring?

16. Why did Columbus believe he could sail around the world?

17. Who were the Spanish fighting at Illora?

18. Columbus asked Ferdinand and Isabella to finance his voyage in 1492. Why might Columbus have chosen that year specifically?