138 BC – AD 1498

Silk Road Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. Who is often called the father of the Silk Road?

- (A) Marco Polo
- (B) Zhang Qian
- (C) Xuanzang
- (D) Kublai Khan

2. What was the Silk Road?

- (A) A network of trade routes
- (B) A single paved road
- (C) A wall across China
- (D) A river through Asia

3. Which religion traveled from India to China along the routes?

- (A) Islam
- (B) Christianity
- (C) Buddhism
- (D) Judaism

4. What did monks smuggle to Constantinople around AD 552?

- (A) Seeds of the tea plant
- (B) Blocks for printing books
- (C) Plans for a paper mill
- (D) Eggs of the silkworm

5. What spread west across the Islamic world after the 700s?

- (A) The making of paper
- (B) The making of silk
- (C) The use of gunpowder
- (D) The use of the compass

6. Why is the Diamond Sutra of 868 famous?

- (A) It is the oldest map of the Silk Road
- (B) It is the oldest dated printed book
- (C) It is the first book about silk
- (D) It is the first book printed in Europe

7. Who ruled China when Marco Polo visited?

- (A) The Han emperor Wu
- (B) The Tang dynasty
- (C) The Byzantine emperor
- (D) The Mongol ruler Kublai Khan

8. Why did the overland Silk Road fade after 1498?

- (A) Silk went out of fashion
- (B) Camels died out in Asia
- (C) Trade by sea took over
- (D) China closed all trade

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Silk Road Quiz: Answer Key

1. **B** Zhang Qian

2. **A** A network of trade routes

3. **C** Buddhism

4. **D** Eggs of the silkworm

5. **A** The making of paper

6. **B** It is the oldest dated printed book

7. **D** The Mongol ruler Kublai Khan

8. **C** Trade by sea took over



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