**Chapter 7 Commerce and Culture**

**500 C.E.-1500 C.E.**

**Reading Guide**

**Key Terms:**

Silk Roads Great Zimbabwe

Black Death Sand Roads

Indian Ocean Trading Network Ghana, Mali, Songhaw

Srivijaya Trans-Saharan Slave Trade

Borobudur American Web

Angkor Wat Thorfinn Karlsfeni

Swahili Civilization pochteca

**Seeking the Main Point**

In what ways did long-distance commerce act as a motor of change in premodern world history?

**Margin Review Questions**

What lay behind the emergence of the Silk Road commerce, and what kept it going for so many centuries?

What made silk such a highly desired commodity across Eurasia?

What accounted for the spread of Buddhism along the Silk Road?

What was the impact of disease along the Silk Roads?

What lay behind the flourishing of Indian Ocean commerce in the postclassical millennium?

In what ways did Indian influence register in Southeast Asia?

What was the role of Swahili civilization in the world of Indian Ocean commerce?

**Summing It Up:**

To what extent did Sild Roads and Sea Roads operate in similar fashion? How did they differ?

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| Similarities | Differences |
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What changes did trans-Saharan trade bring to West Africa?

In what ways did networks of interaction in the Western Hemisphere differ from those in the Eastern Hemisphere?