

Cultures and Trade In and Around Asia

► Time and Change

1. Turn to pages 42–43 in the Atlas. Use the timeline at the top of the page to find two dates that were significant for two of the world's religions—Christianity and Islam. Write each event and the year it occurred on the lines below.

Events	Year
a. _____	_____
b. _____	_____
_____	_____

► Gathering the Facts

2. Read the introduction. Write **T** next to each of the following statements if it is true or **F** if the statement is false.
- The cultures of Asia, Europe, and Africa were isolated from each other between 400 A.D. and 1500. _____
 - The spread of religion helped unite large regions. _____
 - Trade and travel connected places that were far apart. _____

► Thinking About History

3. Look at chart A, "Religious Change." Use the information to answer the following questions.
- In which regions was Islam one of the main religion by 1500?
_____, _____, _____,
and _____
 - In which regions was Buddhism one of the main religions by 1500?
_____ and _____
 - In which region was Buddhism replaced by Islam? _____
 - In which regions were one or more of the main religions the same in 500 and in 1500? _____, _____, and

► **People and Cultures**

4. Look at map B, "Culture Regions." Next to each of the statements below, write the name of the region it describes. Some descriptions are true for more than one region.

Region

- a. Influenced by China _____
- b. Was a Christian culture _____
- c. Influenced India and Arabia _____
- d. Japan adopted its religion _____
- e. Was an African culture region _____

★ **History Through Maps**

5. Look at map C, "Silk Road and Other Trade Route." Then look at picture D and read its caption. Use the information to answer the following questions.

- a. What was the main trade route between Asia and the Mediterranean region?

- b. Where did the plague originate? _____
- c. In which region were spices the main sources of trade?

- d. What were the main sources of trade and cultural exchange found in China?
_____, _____, _____,
_____, and _____
- e. If you wanted to trade frankincense for cotton by sea, what two cities would be along your trade route? _____ and _____
- f. What goods came from the Mediterranean region?
_____ and _____
- g. What city marked the beginning of the Silk Road in the east? _____
What city marked the beginning of the Silk Road in the west? _____
- h. Which region was an exporter of the goods shown in picture D between 400 and 1500? _____