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history of silk court ladies preparing newly woven silk a chinese silk painting by emperor huizong of song early 12th century the production of silk originated in neolithic china within the yangshao culture 4th millennium bc

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silk is a natural protein fiber some forms of which can be woven into textiles the protein fiber of silk is composed mainly of fibroin and is produced by certain insect larvae to form cocoons 1 the best known silk is obtained from the cocoons of the larvae of the mulberry silkworm *bombyx mori* reared in captivity sericulture

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the silk road was a network of ancient trade routes formally established during the han dynasty of china in 130 bce which linked the regions of the ancient world in commerce between 130 bce 1453 ce the silk road was not a single route from east to west and so historians favor the name silk routes though silk road is commonly used

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the silk road chinese 丝绸之路 a was a network of eurasian trade routes active from the second century bce until the mid 15th century 1 spanning over 6 400 kilometers 4 000 miles it played a central role in facilitating economic cultural political and religious interactions between the east and west

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the silk road extended approximately 6 437 kilometers 4 000 miles across some of the world s most formidable landscapes including the gobi desert and the pamir mountains with no one government to provide upkeep the roads were typically in poor condition

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silk animal fibre produced by certain insects and arachnids as building material for cocoons and webs some of which can be used to make fine fabrics in commercial use silk is almost entirely limited to filaments from the cocoons of domesticated silkworms caterpillars of several moth species belonging to the genus *bombyx*

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overview the silk road was a vast trade network connecting eurasia and north africa via land and sea routes the silk road earned its name from chinese silk a highly valued commodity that merchants transported along these trade networks advances in technology and increased political stability caused an increase in trade

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silk is a fabric first produced in neolithic china from the filaments of the cocoon of the silk worm it became a staple source of income for small farmers and as weaving techniques improved the reputation of chinese silk spread so that it became highly desired across the empires of the ancient world

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the silk roads were a network of trade routes that connected towns and peoples across asia that flourished from about 200 900 c e but existed from about 100 b c e through the mid 1400s c e

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1 cultivated the silk producing caterpillar bombyx mori 2 fed the silkworm the mulberry leaf that was discovered to be the best food at least for those interested in producing the best silk 3 invented the loom to weave the fiber raising silk

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the silk road was an ancient trade route that linked the western world with the middle east and asia it was a major conduit for trade between the roman empire and china and later between medieval european kingdoms and china

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the silk road was a network of trade routes connecting china and the far east with the middle east and europe established when the han dynasty in china officially opened trade with the west in

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the silk road is the world s longest and most historically important overland trade route trade began thousands of years ago because the tradesmen found that ferrying products was profitable and silk was one of the main trade items

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the origins of silk and its introduction to the middle east according to a legend mentioned in confucius odes roughly 2700 years bc princess si ling chi the wife of emperor huang ti discovered the secret of silk by picking up a cocoon that had fallen from a tree into her hot tea

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first called the silk road in the 19th century the 4 500 kilometer 2 800 miles route is actually a web of caravan

tracks which actively funneled trade goods between chang an now the present day city of xi an china in the east and rome italy in the west at least between the 2nd century bc up until the 15th century ad

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the silk road transported all sorts of items including salt spices precious stones precious metals paper and porcelain but the system was originally built on the transmission of finished silk fabric which was only fashioned in china at the time of the system s foundation read more what was traded on the silk road initial trades

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silk is mainly produced in the south of the yangtze river delta renowned silk producing regions are jiangsu zhejiang and sichuan provinces cities such as suzhou hangzhou nanjing and shaoxing are well known for their silk industries history of silk imperial era chinese clothing

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1 mulberry silk what is mulberry silk mulberry silk is the most common silk and dominates 80 of the world s silks

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unlike cotton or hemp which are made from plant fibers silk is a protein fiber made from the saliva of silkworms a small insect scientifically known as the bombyx mori moth

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comprised of a natural protein fiber silk mainly consists of fibroin which is a protein that certain types of insect larvae secrete to make cocoons while other insects also produce silk like substances most of the world s silk is derived from bombyx mori larvae which are worms that only live on mulberry trees

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