**The Silk Road Reading Questions**

Read the article below and answer the following questions:

[The Silk Road: Ancient superhighway connecting Europe and Asia - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/silk-road-reading/)

1. What was the Silk Road?
2. Was the Silk Road a single pathway?
3. Which major empires did the Silk Road connect?
4. What effect did the Silk Road have on the cities along its path?
5. When did the Silk Road begin and why?
6. Who was Zhang Qian and what was his mission?
7. What were some of the dangers of traveling the Silk Road?
8. Name three oasis cities mentioned in the text.
9. What was the significance of cities like Samarkand and Bukhara?
10. How did the Silk Road facilitate the exchange of goods?
11. Besides silk, name three other goods traded along the Silk Road.
12. How did the Silk Road impact the spread of technology?
13. What role did the Silk Road play in the dissemination of religious beliefs?
14. Why did the Silk Road eventually disappear?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*Why was the Silk Road a* [*significant*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/significance/) *part of world history?*