

## The Silk Road and Central Eurasia (丝绸之路与欧亚中部)

This course will introduce you to the history of Central Eurasia and the Silk Road from 4500 B.C.E to the nineteenth century. You will learn about the culture of the nomadic peoples of Central Eurasia as well as the development of the Silk Road. The course will be structured chronologically; each unit will focus on one aspect of the Silk Road during a specific time period. Each unit will include representative primary- and secondary-source documents that illustrate important overarching political, economic, and social themes, such as the discovery and production of silk in China, diplomatic relations between Han China and nomadic peoples of the Eurasian steppe, the international scope of the Silk Road trade routes, European interest in finding a "new silk route" to China, and the "Great Game" between China, Russia, and Great Britain in Central Eurasia in the nineteenth century. By the end of the course, you will understand how the Silk Road influenced the development of nomadic societies in Central Eurasia as well as powerful empires in China, the Middle East, and Europe.

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本课程将向您介绍从公元前4500年至19世纪欧亚大陆中部和丝绸之路的历史。您将了解到欧亚大陆游牧民族的文化和丝绸之路的发展。课程将按照时间顺序进行;每个单元将重点放在丝绸之路在特定时间内的某一个方面。每个单元通过源资料,介绍重要的政治,经济和社会主题,如在中国发现和生产丝绸,汉人与欧亚大陆游牧民族之间的外交关系,国际丝绸之路贸易路线的范围,欧洲对中国寻求"新丝绸之路"的兴趣,以及十九世纪中亚欧亚大陆中俄英三国之间的"大游戏"。



到课程结束时,您将了解"丝绸之路"如何影响欧亚大陆中部游牧社会的发展以及中国,中东和欧洲的强大帝国。



- 请仔细阅读每个单元的介绍以及指示框中的信息,这些内容显示了 所回顾的材料如何配合在一起,并将帮助您联系下一部分内容。
- 在进入下一个课程之前,你必须掌握每个部分的材料,因为下一个课程通常是建立在以前的知识上设计的。
- 在学习课程材料时,记录笔记可能会有所帮助。





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