

TITLE

The Spice Trade

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INTRODUCTION

The lesson addresses how the spice trade changed over time. It will address the role of Turkey in this trade, how the Europeans impacted the trade in the Age of Exploration, as well as introduce students to the Istanbul Spice Market and the Caravanserai.

[Background for Silk Roads/Indian Ocean Trade](#)

LEVEL

High School grades 9-12, World History courses, especially Advanced Placement World History

OBJECTIVES

1. Students will know the main spices that were historically traded including their uses and their origins
2. Students will understand the significance of Turkey and the Islamic world in the spice trade
3. Students will be able to analyze how the spice trade changed from ancient times through the age of European exploration

CONNECTIONS TO STANDARDS

This lesson adheres to required College Board standards and skills for AP World History

TIME

1-3 class periods

MATERIALS

[Article: Taste of Adventure](#)

[Taste of Adventure Questions](#)

[Trade Routes- Blank Outline Map](#)

[Items to be placed on the trade routes map](#)

Colored pencils

Samples of spices

[Recording Chart for Spice Activity](#)

[History of Spices Web Site](#)

BACKGROUND ESSAY (YOU CAN COMBINE THIS INTO THE INTRODUCTION)

[Taste of Adventure Article](#)

PROCEDURES

Day 1:

1. In groups of 4, students receive samples of spices. They have to try to identify which spices are which.
2. As a group students use online sources to research the origins and uses of the main spices traded on the Silk Roads/Indian Ocean
3. Students complete maps of the Silk Roads/Indian Ocean trade routes

Homework:

Read article from the Economist: *A Taste of Adventure* and complete questions on the article

Day 2:

1. Discussion of homework article
2. [Presentation on Turkey's Role in the Spice Trade](#)

ASSESSMENT

[Essay Question and Scoring Rubric](#)

EXTENSION IDEAS**Further Reading:**

A Splendid Exchange by Bernstein

The World that Spice Created by Pomeranz

Spice by Turner

The Taste of Conquest by Krondi

Interactive game on spice trade found at spicetrade.org

[Spice Trade Maps](#)

SOURCES

Traditions and Encounters: A Global Perspective on the Past, 5th Edition, Jerry Bentley and Herbert Ziegler, 2011

Istanbul and Western Turkey, National Geographic Traveler, Tristan Rutherford and Kathryn Tomasetti, 2011

Discover Turkey, *The Lonely Planet*, by James Bainbridge, 2013

TCF Study Tours 2014 Itinerary Notes, Group II

HANDOUTS

**See above links under materials