**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.

**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
Istanbul and Western Turkey, National Geographic Traveler, Tristan Rutherford and Kathryn Tomasetti, 2011
Discover Turkey, The Lonely Planet, by James Bainbridge, 2013
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HANDOUTS
**See above links under materials