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**Compare and contrast the trading system between the Silk Road Trade and Indian Ocean Trade from 1000 to 1450 CE**

Silk Road and Indian Ocean were the two major routes for trade in the past, taking into account massive promotion of cultural, social and economic paradigms. Regardless of massive trade of the economic goods and the geographical locations, there are a lot of similarities and differences between the Silk Road Trade and the Indian Ocean trade between 1000-1450 CE. The trade between the Silk Road and the Indian Ocean paved the way for increased interregional connectivity along with commendable economic growth across Afro-Eurasia. Both the trade routes were used for spreading religious ideas as well as cultural traditions that boosted the economics. The economic boost in the trade of Silk Road was the product of the Mongol Empire, which in effect proposed strict punishment for those who will disturb the trade. However, the difference is, both the routes used different goods and modes of transportation. This difference resulted in conflict between different cultures and different diseases were spread that minimized the overall growth of the civilizations. Both the routes facilitate stimulated technological innovations along with merging political powers, however, the manner was different in both the routes. This difference of manner resulted in increased power and wealth on the geographically favorable regions. Also, both the routes differed in the exchange of commodities, how these goods were traded. The varying geographical and environmental features along with the Indian Ocean Trade system and the Silk Road Trade created a difference between the modes of transportation, leading to a difference in the trading of good and products. Also, both the trade regions were impacted by the diffusion of religions as well as economic growth of the economies. It is also highlighted that the Indian Ocean was a dominating network of trade as compared to the Silk Road. This dominance was observed in the volume of trade.