

topics 2.1, 2.3, & 2.4

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Networks of Exchange, c.1200-1450

disporic community: when non-indigenous ppl settle someplace else, temporarily or permanently

- e.g.
- Jewish ppl outside of Israel
 - E. African Arabiz merchants would stay in India for months b/c monsoon
 - goods → cultural diffusion (Islam)
 - Native Americans moved to reservations
 - early founders of Holland, Nl
 - survivors of the Middle Passage

MAINTAIN
CULTURAL
DISTINCTNESS

TRADE ROUTES MORE IMP'T THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE PERIOD

SILKIES

weight: value is critical

→ did best when controlled by empires
→ conduits for culture

silk = \$100/lbs
rice = \$1/lbs

blend

syncretism

→ Buddhism → China

→ new "Mahayana" developed

→ bodhisattva = quasi-god that you can pray to