



Unit: How did our political map form? (Silk Roads)	Key Vocabulary	
Topic Overview:		
This topic tracks the evolution of global connectivity, starting with the ancient Silk Roads as a vibrant network for exchanging goods, ideas, and religions through key trade hubs like Baghdad. It explores how major historical disruptions, including the Crusades, the conquests of the Khans, the rapid spread of the Black Death, and the early maritime slave trade, reshaped Afro-Eurasian society. Finally, the unit transitions into the modern era by examining how the European Age of Exploration, colonial exploitation, and artificial 20th-century borders like the Sykes-Picot lines ultimately laid the groundwork for today's global economy and modern trade corridors.	Silk Roads	Colonisation
	Nomads	Geopolitics
	Crusades	Sykes-Picot
	Pandemic	Trade Corridor
	Maritime	Conduit

RAG Rating:		Start	End	Teacher
1.	I can explain how the ancient map is different from the modern.			
2.	I can explain how people would trade along the Silk Roads.			
3.	I can explain how people would trade along the Silk Roads and how that compares to the modern day.			
4.	I can explain the significance of Baghdad.			
5.	I can explain how people viewed religion as highly important and how the religious word travelled.			
6.	I can explain how and why boats led to successful trading, including the trade of slaves.			
7.	I can plot major voyages on a map and clearly include labels and a key.			
8.	I can explain what The Crusades were and where the Crusaders travelled to.			
9.	I can describe the key features of The Khans that made them so successful.			
10.	I can explain how the Black Death created opportunities for wealth and employment.			
11.	I can describe the voyages of Columbus and Vasco de Gama.			
12.	I can draw the voyages accurately using labels and a key			
13.	I can explain how England responded to the success of Portugal and Spain.			
14.	I can draw and describe the journey of the Spanish Armada.			
15.	I can explain the importance of resources and natural border lines to avoid conflict.			