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Medieval Trade and Commerce: A World of Goods and Exchange

Short Answer Key

1. The Silk Road facilitated cultural exchange by connecting diverse regions, allowing for the sharing of languages, customs, art, and ideas.
2. The Trans-Saharan trade routes were significant for Africa as they enabled the exchange of valuable goods like gold, salt, ivory, and textiles, while also fostering cultural interactions and the spread of Islam.
3. Medieval European trade fairs featured a wide range of goods, including wool, textiles, spices, and luxury items.
4. Cities like Venice and Genoa benefited from Mediterranean trade by becoming prosperous maritime centers that facilitated the movement of goods between Europe, Asia, and Africa.

