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The Silk Road: Ancient China's Pathway to the World

Short Answer Key

1. The Silk Road enriched China's culture and knowledge base through the exchange of ideas, religions, philosophies, art, literature, and science with other regions.
2. The Silk Road played a pivotal role in the rise of the Han and Tang Dynasties' economic prosperity and contributed to the expansion of the Mongol Empire under Kublai Khan. Its decline coincided with the shift of trade routes.
3. Travelers along the Silk Road faced challenges such as harsh conditions, bandits, language barriers, and treacherous terrain.
4. The decline of the Silk Road occurred due to shifting trade routes and the decline of the Mongol Empire. Its legacy endures in the form of cultural exchange, historical records, and global interconnectedness.
5. Papermaking and printing technologies were significant because they revolutionized communication and information dissemination, influencing the course of world history.

