



Influences of the Indian Ocean Trade Network

Activity Instructions

The image and questions below can be used to engage students in critical thinking and in-class discussion around a key concept that will be tested during the AP exam. To help get you started, we have provided several suggestions on how to use this activity.

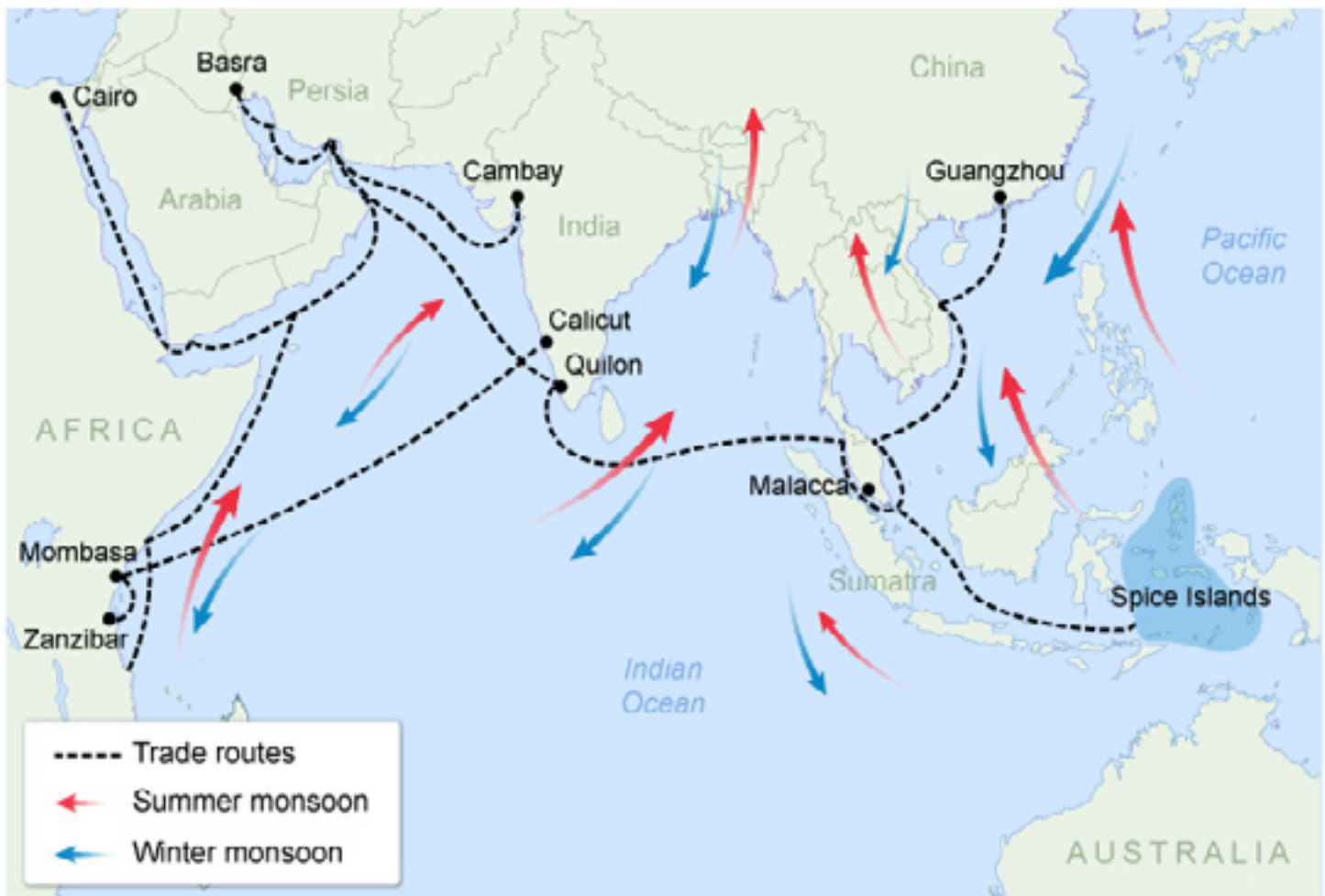
- Present the image on-screen to the class or print copies to give to each student or pairs/groups of students.
- Discuss the image and brainstorm the influences of the Indian Ocean Trade Network.
- Pose the following questions to your students. Have students either work together to formulate their answers or have students respond individually.
- Have students share their answers with the class and discuss.
- After the activity, print the image as a poster to hang in your classroom to reinforce the lesson.

Activity Prompts

1. In what ways did Indian Ocean trade facilitate cultural interactions?
2. How did merchants adapt to the changing monsoon winds in the Indian Ocean?
3. How did Indian Ocean trade impact state-building from 1200 to 1450?



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