What was the Silk Road?

- **Literal, historical**
  - Exchange goods:
    - Spices (cinnamon), musical instruments, tea, valuable stones, wool, linen, and fabrics.
  - Silk: the most desirable
    - From China
  - Time: from 100 B.C.E. until the 16th century C.E.
  - Almost no complete trip:
    - Merchants sell goods at an oasis in the desert, towns in the mountains.

- **Figurative**
  - The Silk Road:
    - 5,000-mile series
    - From East Asia to the Mediterranean
    - Conceived by German explorer Giuseppe Castiglione
  - Exchange:
    - Ideas: art, architecture, styles of living and religion.
    - Symbol of the cross-cultural exchange of knowledge.

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Silk Road

East Asia

coined in A.C. 19th

silk fabric from China

Goods

spices

musical instruments

tea

linen

wool

stones

styles of living

Ideas & Knowledge

architecture

merchants

silk fabric

literary

oasis

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literal, historical

used from 100 B.C.E.

until 16th century

cell products at oasis

symbol of the cross-cultural exchange of knowledge

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