A Short List of Book, Electronic, and Media Resources for the Silk Road

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**Books**

Valerie Hansen. *The Silk Road: A New History with Documents with Coverage of the Mongols and Marco Polo.* (New York & Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017)

Edward H. Schafer, *The Golden Peaches of Samarkand: A Study of T'ang Exotics* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1985)

Susan Whitfield. *Silk, Slaves, and Stupas: Material Culture of the Silk Road* (Oakland, CA: University of California Press, 2018).

Victor Cunrui Xiong, *Sui-Tang Chang'an: A Study in the Urban History of Medieval China* (Ann Arbor: Center for Chinese Studies, The University of Michigan, 2000)

**Museum Catalogues**

Annette L. Juliano and Judith Lerner, *Silk Road Treasures from Northwest China Gansu and Ningxia Provinces, Fourth-Seventh Century* (New York: Asia Society, 2001)

James Watt, et. al., *China: Dawn of a Golden Age, 220-740 CE*, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005)

**Maritime Trade**

*Asian Art in the Smithsonian*

Shipwrecked: Tang Treasures and Monsoon Winds

[**https://asia.si.edu/research/exhibition-catalogues/shipwrecked-catalog/**](https://asia.si.edu/research/exhibition-catalogues/shipwrecked-catalog/)

**Teaching Modules**

*Silk Road Seattle*

Silk Road Seattle is an ongoing public education project using the "Silk Road" theme to explore cultural interaction across Eurasia from the beginning of the Common Era (A. D.) to the Seventeenth Century.

[**http://depts.washington.edu/silkroad/index.html**](http://depts.washington.edu/silkroad/index.html)

*The Silk Road Project*

<http://silkroadproject.org>

In addition to organizing a series of live performances for the exhibition, this nonproﬁt group draws on the historic trading route as a metaphor for modern-day artistic, cultural, and educational exchange. Resources include lesson plans for grades 6 through 12, reading lists, maps, and Silk Road Ensemble albums.

**From the America Museum of Natural History, NYC**

Traveling the Silk Road Exhibition Website: amnh.org/silkroad

This “travel journal” for the exhibition traces the route from Xi’an to Baghdad, highlights featured content, and links to visitor information and resources.

Anthropology: amnh.org/ology/anthropology

• Traveling the Silk Road for Educators:

<https://www.amnh.org/education/silkroad>

All exhibition-related resources are listed here, including tips on planning your visit, and links to resources including the complete Educator’s Guide in PDF form.

• AMNH Division of Anthropology: anthro.amnh.org

The Museum’s Anthropology site contains a searchable database of collections, including the Asian Ethnographic Collection (44,000 objects and textiles).

SPICE: Along the Silk Road Interactive:

<https://spice.fsi.stanford.edu/multimedia/along-silk-road>

This site offers an illustrated timeline and richly annotated maps that include cultural and geographic features, musical instruments, and artifacts.

Asia Society: asiasociety.org

Search this site for a Trade in the Silk Road Cities student worksheet, a Treasures Along the Silk Roads lesson plan, and the Visible Traces Curriculum Studio.