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**Reading/Study Guide Unit 1 Activity**

Chapter 2, Lesson 1

Answer the following questions. Type your responses between the blue brackets provided.

**1.** Why was the Silk Road so difficult to travel?

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**2.** Some of the trade routes were on rivers, rather than overland. Why?

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**3.** Why do you think the trade routes were on water rather than land?

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**4.** The people taking part in the Crusades had to travel long distances. Do you think this affected the creation of trade routes? How?

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**5.** What do you think were the **three** most important factors that contributed to the rise of trade in Europe during the 1300s?

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