Chapter 2 Summary

Trade Routes - More and better trade routes allowed for increased trade and more contact among various kinds of people.

Rise of the Italian City-States meant business grew along with the exchange of ideas from people of many places.

The effect increased trade and business could have on a society's worldview.

Business people have influence on governments, making them less likely to go to war and more likely to support business growth; people see increased peace as possible.

Rich people began to support the growth of arts and literature, allowing people to spend more time thinking and learning about themselves and others. Crusades caused people to learn and develop more efficient travel routes and meet new people with new ideas.

Geography - The desire for trade meant people were more willing to travel - and learned more about the rest of the world.