THE INDIAN OCEAN BASIN

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Why should I teach about the Indian Ocean Trade Basin?

- It is a great way of connecting the sea routes/Silk Road with the places, people, and regions that cover the region.
- It demonstrates the first example of economic globalization in history.
- You can explore the consequences as a result of contact with regions around the Indian, Atlantic, Asian, and African world. (Spread of goods, religion, and technology for example)
- You can explore the political rise and fall of empires throughout time periods and infer on the causes and effects of those falls.
- Required in AP curriculum
- Crash Course World History: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6XtBLDmPA0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6XtBLDmPA0)
Why should I use the website?

- I recommend using the website at http://indianoceanhistory.org/
- It’s a great website with a variety of articles, lesson plans, and maps exploring the Indian Ocean Basin throughout history.
- I use it as a webquest.
  - Engages the student's in higher-order thinking skills as they find evidence on their own in a hands-on activity
  - Uses the internet for information that cannot be easily obtained from other sources
  - You can use collaboration through groupwork