Arabia, AD 570

The Arabian Peninsula is located near the intersection of Africa, Asia, and Europe. This made it well suited for trade between all three continents. By AD 570, traders were using both land and sea routes to carry goods between all three continents.

MAP ACTIVITY

1. On the map, draw an X on the city that is located between a desert in Arabia and a mountain range in Persia.

2. Use a bright color to trace a sea trade route from India to Jidda.
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3. Use a second bright color to trace a land trade route from India to Constantinople.

4. Use a different bright color to trace a sea and land trade route from India to Constantinople.

ANALYZING MAPS

1. Movement What is the shortest trade route between India and Constantinople: the land route or the land and sea route?

2. Place Which cities in Arabia were located on both a sea route and a land route to Europe?

3. Location What two deserts are found in Arabia?

4. Human/Environment Interaction Based on the map, what were some of the challenges traders traveling from Asia to Medina faced?

5. Compare/Contrast What two cities were on sea trade routes to Europe? How were they alike? How were they different?