

Academic Essays, Composition Practice

Paraphrasing: Understanding and Rewriting

1. Trade on the Silk Road

These so-called "Silk Routes" transported not only silk but also many other products. They were also very important routes for the exchange of culture and technology between countries. They linked traders, merchants, pilgrims, soldiers, and urban dwellers from China to the faraway Mediterranean Sea for thousands of years.

Read text 1 and highlight the 3 ideas in the text.

You cannot paraphrase or summarize a text you do not understand. Write these ideas in notes below.

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Now, cover the text and rewrite the notes as sentences.

**** Check that the meaning of the text has not changed**

2. The Ancient Silk Routes of Central Asia.

Discovery of a sea route from Europe to Asia in the late 15th century was damaging to the Silk Road trade route. With less cost, trouble and danger, it became easier to transport many goods by sea instead of by land. A consequence of this was a significant decline in the Silk Road.

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3. The Silk Road

By the mid 8th century, under the Tang dynasty, the Silk Road had reached its peak. This was in fact due to the peace, internal stability and economic development these rulers brought to their country. The Chinese government carried out many favourable policies that encouraged trade between the East and the West, and this helped in the development of the Silk Road.

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