Trade Network Map Assignment

**Goal:** Examine Post-Classical trade networks and their impact on third wave civilizations by creating a poster-sized map and presenting a brief summary of assigned region/route and description of its significance.

**Supplies:** white poster paper, map pencils or markers, ruler, pencil/pen, textbook

**Instructions:**

* Form groups for each of the FIVE trade networks.
* Each group must create a hand-drawn map of one of the assigned regions.
* Label the empires, states, bodies of water, and draw in the trade routes.
* Create a key for items distributed across route: ideas, technologies, luxury goods, food crops, germs (key should have symbols for each item traded)
* Create a slogan for your trade area – this will be your poster/map title
* Include the dates of the Post-Classical era in your title (600-1450CE)
* Create a summary of the textbook information on your region/route that will be presented to the class when presenting
* Create a brief description of the significance of your trade route/region on third wave era civilizations.

**Trade Routes/Regions:**

* The Americas
* West Africa and the Trans-Saharan Trade Network
* East Africa and the Indian Ocean Trade Network
* Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean Trade Network
* Silk Roads