

## Unit 2 - Networks of Exchange

### Topic 2.6 - Environmental Consequences of Connectivity

#### Thematic Focus: Interactions between Humans and the Environment (ENV)

The environment shapes human societies, and as populations grow and change, these populations in turn shape their environments.

**Essential Questions:** *In what ways did the diffusion of agriculture and biological pathogens impact the societies that interacted along the Afro-Eurasian trade routes?*

Learning Objective	Historical Developments (KC's)	Study Guide Notes on Historical Developments (KC)
<p><b>Explain</b> the environmental effects of the various networks of exchange in Afro-Eurasia from c. 1200 to c. 1450.</p> <p>Disease in Transit: Strayer p. 290-291</p> <p>China as Economic Beneficiary: Strayer (rice) p. 348</p> <p>The Plague: Strayer p. 483-485</p>	<p><b>KC 3.1.IV</b></p> <p>There was continued diffusion of crops and pathogens, with epidemic diseases, including the bubonic plague, along trade routes.</p>	

**Response to learning objective:**

**Illustrative Examples****Notes - Significance** (how does each help answer the Essential Question) & **Theme**

Diffusion of bananas in Africa	
The diffusion of new rice varieties in East Asia	
The spread of citrus in the Mediterranean region	