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Answer Key

- Paragraph 1: 2 main ideas discussed (i.e.,: Silk Road too dangerous/cost of trade too high; belief/hope that oceanic route to Asia would be faster and easier than land travel)
- Paragraph 2: 3 correct facts given for geographic challenges (e.g.: Don't know the world. Don't know about ocean currents and wind currents. Don't have maps. Don't have the technology to know exactly where they are in the world. Money to finance exploration.)