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The Silk Road traveled 8,000 miles from Asia to Europe. It began in the third century BC. The Chinese used the Silk Road to trade with the Europeans. They traded local products like silk, spices, gunpowder, and herbal medicines. In return, they received cotton cloth, jewels, musical instruments, and glassware. Because of the Silk Road, Europe gained new knowledge and their technology increased. They began to come into contact with other foreign countries and became stronger. A result of the Silk Road was that culture began to spread.