WEEK 6 - 8: MEDIEVAL PERIOD TO RENAISSANCE

READING LIST – SOURCE MATERIALS

EARLY MIDDLE AGES


*The Silk Trade during the Reign of Justinian, 6th C.:*

Procopius, "Narrative on the Silk Trade"

Theophanes of Byzantium, "Narrative on the Silk Trade"

Menander Protector, "Narrative on the Silk Trade"

Cosmas the Monk, c. 545, *Topographia Christiana*, section 2, part about the "Silent Trade."


The Talmud, 6th C. CE "Learning A Trade."

The Koran, 7th C., CE Surah 11:261-286; 111:130; 178, 199; IV:37-38; LVII:1,18.

Caliph Mansoor, 775, Letter on "advice to his son Mehedi," c. 772, Bazaar Rhyme, "Five Pence for Forty."


Ibrahim al Mosuli, c. 802, Chief Musician to Court of Caliph Haroun al Rashid, "Four Thousand Dinars for a Song."
Legal Codes (4th to 9th Centuries):

- The Salic Code (The Laws of the Salian Franks), L “On the Making of Agreements”
- Lex Burgundian (The Law of Gundobad and additional Enactments) XXI “Contracts”

Omar Khayam, c. 1100, Ruba’iyat, 73, 98, 183, 186, 226.


Sir Walter of Henley, c. 13th C., Husbandry, “How a Man Ought to Spend Wealth that God has Given Him,” “To Sell in Season,” “View of Account.”


Anon., c. 13th C., Seneschal, various offices related to markets.

(Saint) Robert Grosseteste, c. 13th C., Rules, various rules for managing an estate.
LATE MIDDLE AGES

Medieval Schoolmen:

St. Raymondi of Peniafort, c. 1200, Summa Theologica, "Of Usury and Security."


St. Thomas of Aquinas, c. 1250, Summa Theologica, LXXVII, "On Fraud Committed in Buying and Selling."

English (and one French) Kings:

King John (Lackland), 1215, Magna Carta, Article XI: "Protection from Usury; Article XII: "Protection from Moneylenders;" Article XLII: "The Protection of Merchants."

King Philip Augustus, 1258, "Law for Public Criers."


King Richard II, 1390, Letter to Warden of the Cinque Ports, "Prohibition on Sales of War Ships."


West Visits East:

Crusaders:


Travelers:

Rabbi Benjamin of Tudela, 1160-1173, Oriental Travels, selections.


*Missionaries:*

Friar John of Plano de Carpini 1245-1247, *Diary*, selections.


*Merchants:*

Francesco Balducci Pegolotti, 1340's, Notices of the Land Route to Cathay and the Asiatic Trade, sections on "Paper Money", "Charges on Merchandise", "Hiring Dragomen", "Bribing Officials", "Details of Buying and Selling".

Ibn Batuta, c. 1347, Travels, "Prices of Commodities," selections

*English "Sea Dogs":*

Captain William Hawkins, 1530, "Voyage to Brazil."

Captain Francis Drake, 1577, "Letter to King of Molucca to 'traffic and exchange merchandise'."

Captain Martin Frobisher, 1578, "Voyage to Cathay."

Mr. Richard Hakluyt, 1579, "Directions for Trading in Persia"

Sir Humphrey Gilbert, 1583, "Orders to the Merchants of Newfoundland."

Capt. Philip Amadas, 1584, "Trade with the Indians of Virginia."


Captain John Saris, 1612-13, *HMS Clove, Ship’s Log*, "East India Company's Trade with Cipango [Japan]," selections.
Pilgrims:

Geoffrey Chaucer, c. 1387 C., *The Canterbury Tales*, Prologue: "There was a Merchant...", 26-27.

Letters:

Andrew Moray & William Wallace to Senate of Lubeck & Hamberg, 1287, "Safety for Merchants."

Mayor of London to Countess of Gloucester, 1301, "Trade."

Anon. to Bishop of Bath, early 1300's, "Silver Mining."

John Fawne to Prior of Christ Church, 1479, "Sale of Wine."

Popular Songs of the Day, c. 12th-14th C.:

"A Song of Cash."

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Alvise da Cadamosto, 1455, "The Silent Trade in Salt and Gold."


Fra Luca del Borgo Paccioli, 1494, “Summa de Arithmetica, Geometrica, Proportioni, e Proporionalita” part about double entry bookkeeping

San Bernardino of Siena, 15th C., Opera Omnia, Vol 4, "On Trade."

Giovanni Maringhi, 1501, "Instructions to an Apprentice Merchant"

Old World Encounters the New World (Americas):
Christopher Columbus, 1493, "The Barcelona Letter" of Feb. 15, 1493 to Ferdinand and Isabella, part about private property.

Vasco da Gama, 1497, "Trading with Hottentots near the Cape of Good Hope."


Nicolaus Copernicus, 1525, Essay on "Reforming the Currency," and "Transactions."

Martin Luther, 1524, "On Trading and Usury," 86-124.

Jacques Carter, 1534, Diary, entry on encounter with the Huron Indians.

King Henry VIII, 1535, "A Proclamation Concerning the Retail Price of Beef, Mutton and Veal."


Jean Bodin, 1576, “Paradoxes Concerning the Dearness of All Things”

Michel de Montaigne, 1580, Essays, "That One Man's Profit is Another's Loss."

Dr. Thomas Wilson, 1584, "A Discourse Upon Usury," selections.

Queen Elizabeth I, 1586, State Letters, letter re Sir Francis Drake, "State Political Motives vs. Private Profit Motives".

John Browne, 1589, The Merchants Avizo, selections.

*Popular Songs of the Day, c. 16th C.*:

"Greensleeves" (An Elizabethian Lady's Dress)
Scarsboro Fair" (An English Trade Fair).

William Shakesphere, c.1600, Plays: The Merchant of Venice, Act I, Scn 3.
Romeo and Juliet, Act V, Scn.
The Winter's Tale, Act IV, Scn. 4, 14.

Sir Francis Bacon, C. 1600, Essays: "Of Expense," 145-146,
"Of Riches," 165-168,
"On Usury," 183-186,
"On Negotiating," 203-204.

Antonio Serra, 1613, A Brief Treatise on Making Gold and Silver Plentiful in Kingdoms, selections.

Ben Jonson, 1614, Bartholomew Fair, Act II, Scene 2 & 5.


Sir Thomas Mun, 1621, A Discourse on Trade, selections.


Robert Keayne, 1644, The Apologia, section on the Sin of Avarice


William Petty, 1690, Political Arithmetic, No. 57, "Merchandising."

Nicholas Barbon, 1690, A Discourse on Trade, 9-11.

Sir Joseph Childe, 1694, A New Discourse on Trade, (2nd Ed), selections.