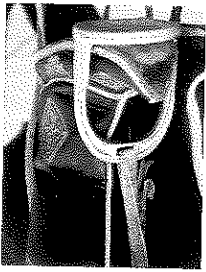
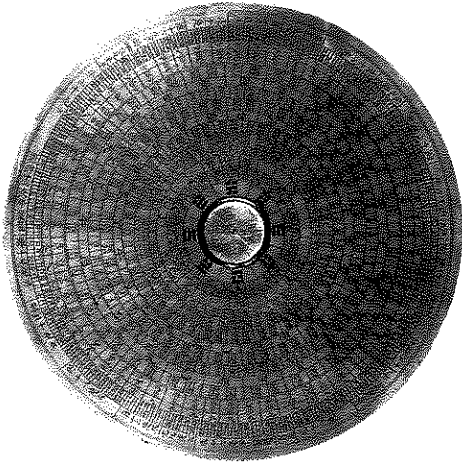


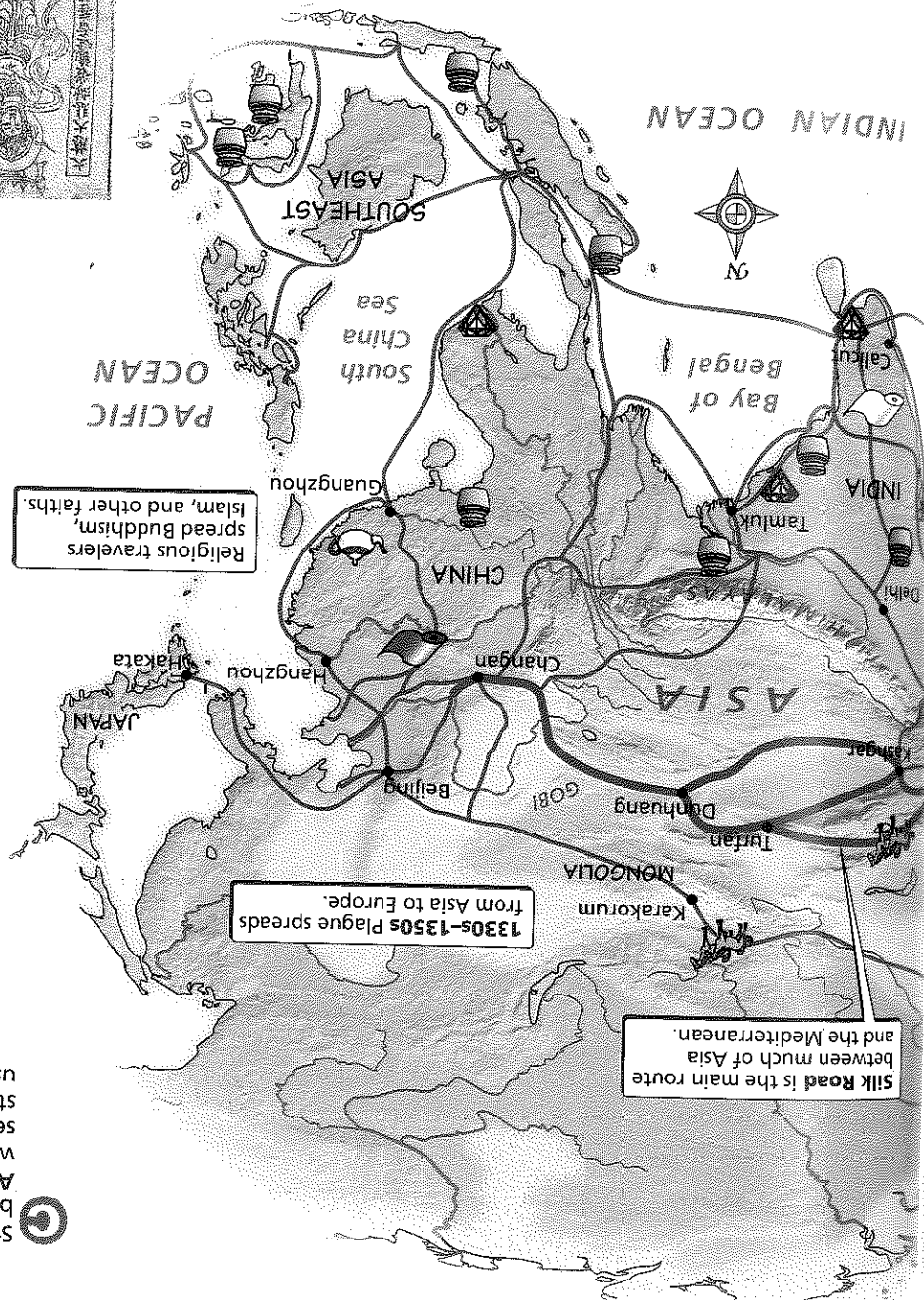


E Printing, invented in China, allowed many copies to be produced quickly, making information more widely available. Printing used paper, also invented in China, which was much cheaper than other writing materials.

D Chinese sailors were the first to use magnetic compasses. Unlike navigating by the stars, a compass could be used any time of day in any weather conditions and allowed for more accurate navigation.



C Stirrups, thought to have been developed in Central Asia, changed how horses were used in war. A rider seated in a saddle with stirrups was better able to use a weapon.



800-1200 Khmer kingdoms flourish in Southeast Asia.	1054 Eastern and Western Christianity split into two separate churches.	1180-1603 Japan is engulfed by civil wars.	1279-1368 Mongols conquer and rule China.	1453 Ottoman Turks conquer Byzantine Empire.	1640 Japan expels European traders.
751 Chinese expansion into Islamic lands is halted.	1398 Mongol ruler Timur invades Delhi.	1330s-1350s Plague spreads from Asia to Europe.	1305-1350s Religious travelers spread Buddhism, Islam, and other faiths.	1305-1350s Silk Road is the main route between much of Asia and the Mediterranean.	1330s-1350s Plague spreads from Asia to Europe.

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