

**Student Handout #5 – Comparing Iron and Silk**

	Was it easy to spread the knowledge about how to make this product? Why or why not?	Was it easy to carry this product itself to trade it? Why or why not?	Was this product available to all kinds of people? Who had access to it?	Was this product useful to all kinds of people? Why or why not? How was it used?	Why was it important?
Silk					
Iron					

*Argument Formation Note-Tracker... find it and use the questions below to guide your notes for this lesson. How were trade and technology necessary for empire formation?*

- 1) Why did empires need to trade, and how did trade networks like the Silk Road help empires grow?
- 2) How did new technologies like iron help empires develop?