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The prevalence of textiles and their importance to us in contemporary life cannot be overestimated. This centrality is mirrored back in time to their earliest production and to the growing appreciation of cloth through both time and space as endlessly variable and useful, culturally significant and highly desirable. Consequently the trade and exchange of textiles proliferated and flourished. While the evolution of long distance textile trade was a global phenomenon, three examples will be chosen: 2nd millennium BCE Minoan Crete, where beautiful cloths were traded to Egypt; the renowned Silk Road network along which precious silks and other Chinese goods headed westwards through Central Asia to Europe; and, nearer our own era, the complex Indian textile trade.

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