Treasures of the Silk Routes

Objects from the Aga Khan Museum Collection

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As you look at the objects...

• This is your time to be a historian and an archeologist (someone who studies objects of the past) and think about the stories each object will tell about the world during its time.

• Think carefully about what you notice about the object’s:
  – Location and date of origin
  – Connection to the Silk Route
  – Unique artistic features
Bifolium from the Blue Qur’an
North Africa, 9th-10th Century
Folio from Qarmathian Qur’an

Iran, 12th Century
Folio from Usefulness of Animals, Green Magpie
Iran, 1300 CE
Robe

Iran and China 1000s-100s
Robe

Iran or Central Asia, 13th-14th Century
Porcelain Plate

China, 1506-21
Bowl With Man Stabbing A Lion
Iran, 1100
Blue-and-White Dish

Iran, 17th Century
Tile

Central Asia, 19th Century
Folio from a Shahnama: Shah Kay Kavus attempts to fly to heaven

Iran, 1341 CE
Manuscript of Al-Kashifi’s Lights of Canopus
Iran, 1593