

The image features a stylized, layered mountain range. The mountains are rendered in various shades of blue, grey, and brown, creating a sense of depth and texture. Several birds are depicted in flight, scattered across the sky. The background is a light, textured surface, possibly representing a sky or a wall. The overall style is minimalist and artistic.

# Silk Road: Zhang Qian and the Silk Road

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A stylized, layered landscape illustration. The background is a light, textured beige. In the foreground, there are several mountain peaks rendered in shades of blue, grey, and brown, with a white, snow-like patch on one of the lower peaks. Numerous small, dark bird silhouettes are scattered across the sky, appearing to fly. The overall style is clean and modern, with a focus on geometric shapes and a muted color palette.

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# Brief Introduction to Silk Road

# Ferdinand von Richthofen

- Germany
- in 1868
- the first person to propose the concept of Silk Road
- trade route between Central Asia and Changan in China
- no further study



# Silk Road (in ancient China)

- traditional: 6440km

Rome ← Central Asia ← Changan or Luoyang in China

- new:
  - the Oasis Silk Road
  - the Maritime Silk Road
  - the Grassy Silk Road
  - the Southern Silk Road





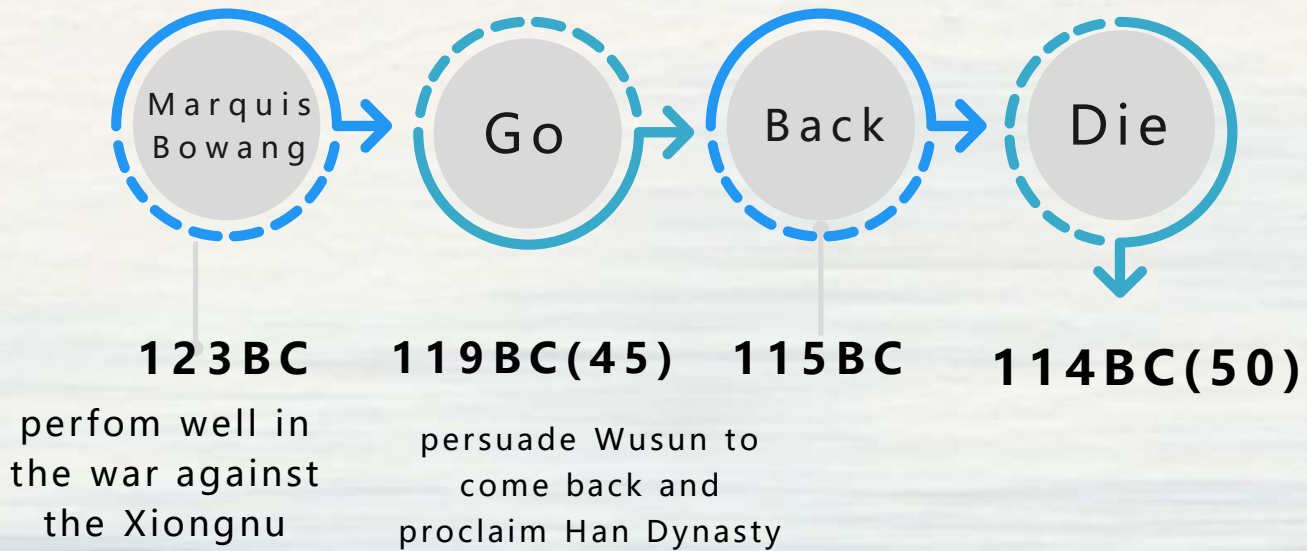
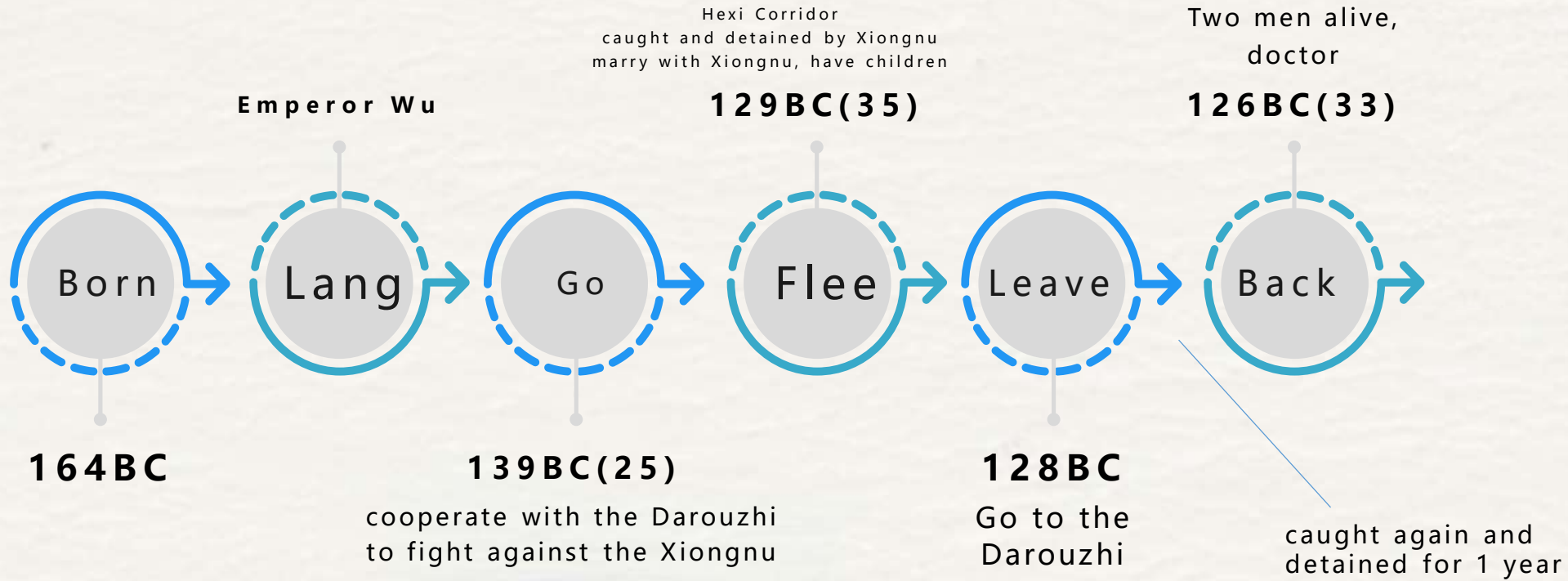
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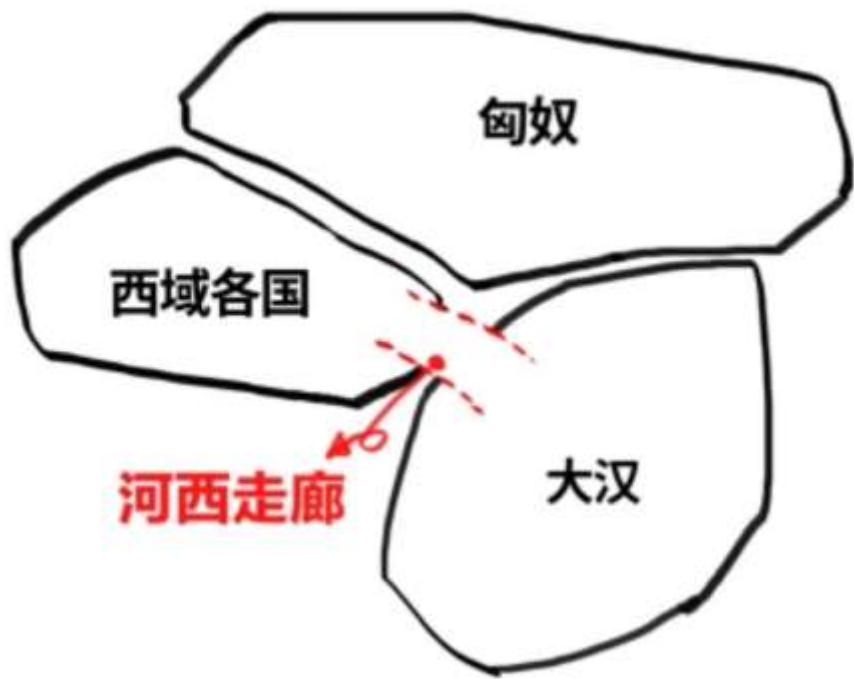
## Zhang Qian and the Silk Road

# Zhangqian

- 164BC-114BC (Han)
- diplomat, traveler, explorer, and the pioneer of the Silk Road
- visit the Western Regions two times







# Changan-Hexi Corridor-Cong Ling Ridges-Dawan-Da Rouzhi -Yutian-Changan



- “凿空”，the first trip connecting the inland and the Western Regions ;
- detailed resource about the Western Regions

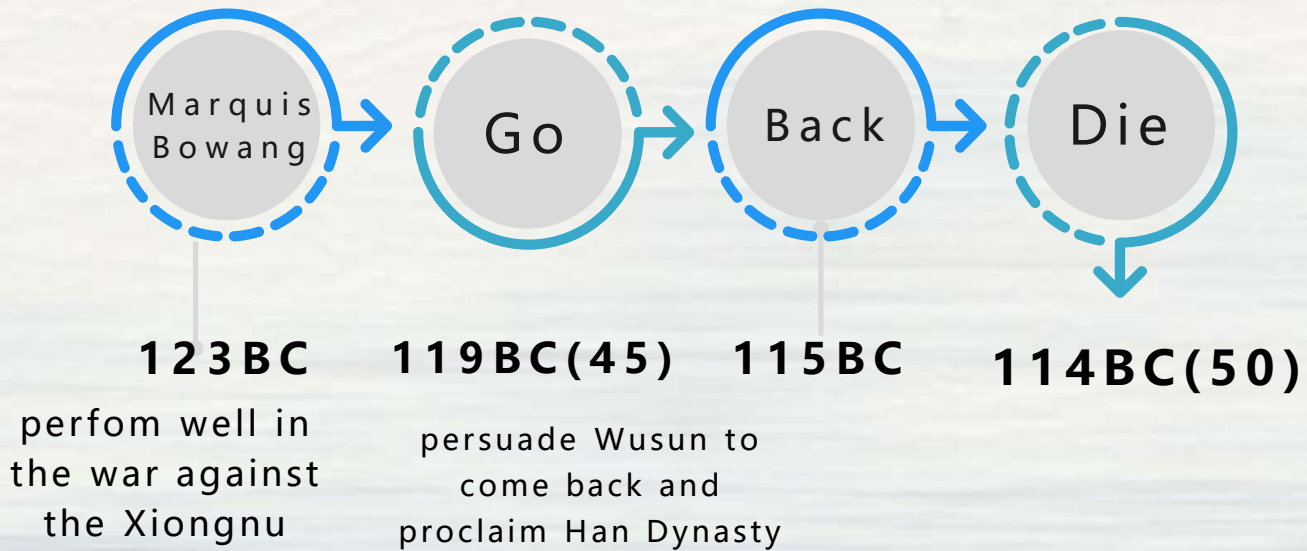
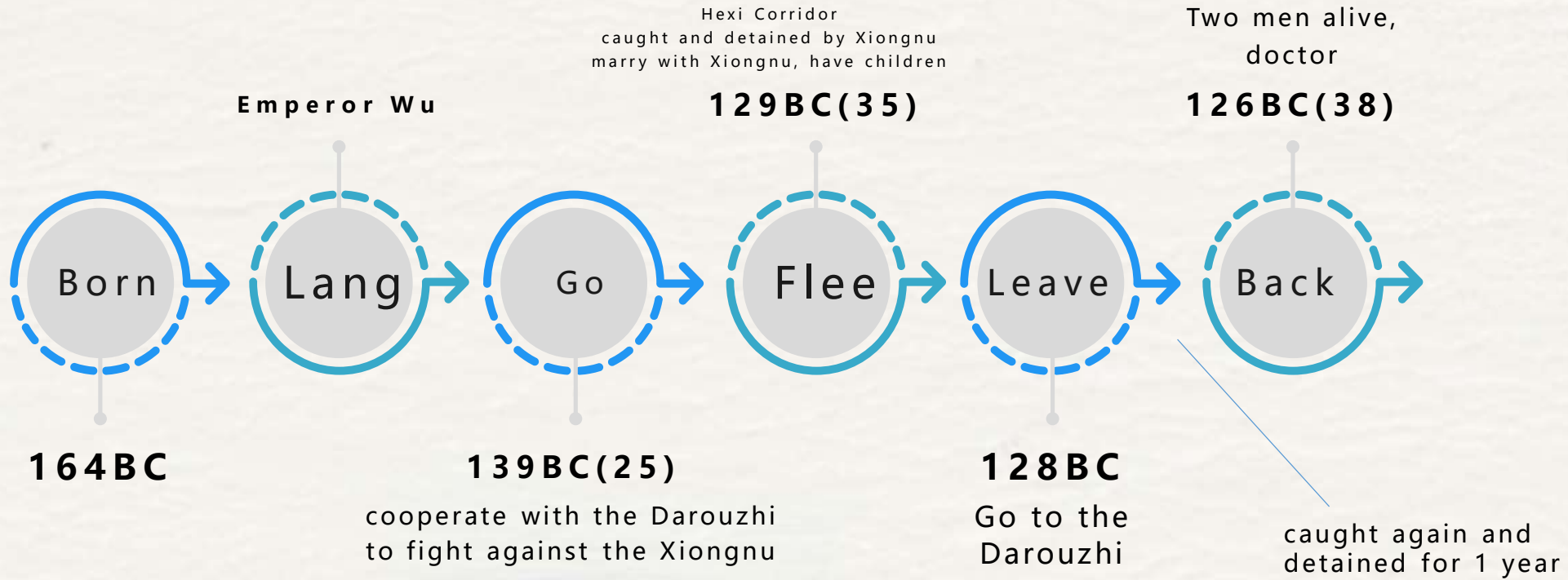
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大宛：乌兹别克斯坦

长安：陕西西安

西域：帕米尔高原以西，西亚和南亚的部分区域，以及东欧和南非的少数地区





## Changan-Hexi Corridor-Yumen Pass-Shanshan-Wusun-Changan



deputy envoy: 大宛、康居、大月氏、大夏  
expand political influence  
No one knew Emperor Wu, they only knew Marquis Boweng.

乌孙：新疆西北、哈萨克斯坦东南、吉尔吉斯斯坦东部及中部



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## Impacts of the Silk Road



# Impacts during the Han Dynasty

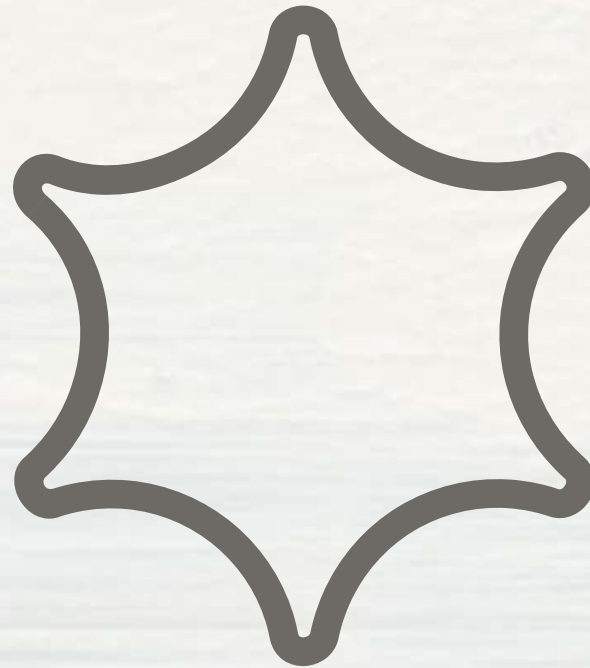
## Culture

### Import

- **Agriculture:** Grapes, pomegranates
- **Religion:** Buddhism
- **Music:** Qiang flute, pipa

### Export

- **Agriculture:** tea
- **Religion:** confucianist
- **handicraft:** silk, iron tools



## Politicis

Countries in the Western Regions understood the strength of the Han dynasty, and many of them submitted themselves to it.

## Economic

Both became more prosperous.



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## Spirits of Zhang Qian



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## Patriotism

13 years, Zhangqian kept the scepter.



## Pioneering spirit

to a total unknown area



## Strong will

Having been detained for 10 years, Zhangqian still insisted on Da Rouzhi.

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