

China

World History I
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Unit Questions:

- ➔ How did China's geography affect the way it was ruled? How did its geography affect trade and the development of the empire?
- ➔ How did the Mandate of Heaven and the dynastic cycle justify early Chinese governments?
- ➔ Identify the three Chinese philosophies. How did each one attempt to bring order to society?

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China Homework #1: China's First Dynasties

Read chapter 4, section 4 pp. 108-112 in your textbook and answer the following questions completely and clearly.

1) Describe specifically 4-5 geographic features that aided the development of China's earliest civilizations.

2) What geographic features isolated China from other parts of Asia?

3) List the achievements of the Shang Dynasty.

4) What is the Mandate of Heaven and how did it help the Zhou take power from the Shang?

5) What was the Warring States Period? How did it impact Zhou rule?

China Homework #2: Confucianism and Daoism

Read chapter 4, section 4 pp. 112-113 in your textbook and answer the following questions completely and clearly.

1) What were the main ideas of Confucianism?

2) In what ways was Confucianism a response to the Warring States Period? How did people think it would help stop this violence?

3) What were the main ideas of Daoism?

China Homework #3: Confucianism and Daoism Continued

1) What seems good about Confucianism? Explain.

2) What seems bad about Confucianism? Explain.

3) Overall, what do you think about Confucianism? Explain using specifics from today's class notes.

China Homework #4: The Growth of China

Read chapter 8, section 1 pp. 223-227 in your textbook and answer the following questions completely and clearly.

1) How did the Qin gain power?

2) Describe 3-4 ideas of the Legalists.

3) Describe 3 steps Shi Huangdi took to centralize power.

4) Describe 4-5 reforms Shi Huangdi made to unify China.

5) Why did the Qin Dynasty fall?

6) How did the Han and Liu Bang gain control after taking power from the Qin?

8) Why was Wudi considered one of China's greatest emperors?

China Homework #6: Chinese Empires

Read chapter 11, section 1 pp. 308-315 in your textbook and answer the following questions completely and clearly.

1) What was the Period of Disunion? How long did it last and in what ways is it similar to the Warring States Period?

2) When Wendi reunited China in 589 and started the Sui Dynasty, what changes did he make to consolidate his power?

3) What was the Grand Canal and why was it built?

4) The Sui Dynasty ended in 618. What role did the Grand Canal play in the end of this short-lived dynasty?

5) The Tang Dynasty ruled from 618-907 CE and is considered a time of growth and prosperity in China. What changes did the Tang emperors make in ruling China?

6) Who was Wu Zhao and why is she significant in Chinese history?

7) When did Buddhism enter China and what was its impact? How did Buddhism change in China?

8) Who were the scholar officials and why were they so respected?

