China Notes

The Dynastic Cycle	What I have learned?
The Chinese rulers believed the gods gave their rulers	Which statement about China is a fact rather than an opinion?
the right to rule . This is called the Divine Right to Rule or the Mandate of Heaven . The Mandate of Heaven meant that when things went bad, it justified the takeover of the ruling dynasty by another. Those bad events could include:	 (1) Flooding was the worst disaster to affect ancient Chinese civilizations. (2) The Mandate of Heaven was an idea developed in ancient China. (3) Early Chinese civilizations were the most important civilizations in the world. (4) Dynastic governments were highly effective in China.
Chinese Writing	What I have learned?
Chinese writing was based on	On what types of bones do we find the earliest known forms of the
characters or written symbols.	Chinese writing (calligraphy)?
There were Good & Bad aspects to the Chinese writing system. The Good: It created unity despite different dialects and characters.	Animal bones and tortoise shells Who then do you think were the earliest Scribes (writers)?
The Bad: It had thousands of characters, making it difficult to learn.	Priests
Early Chinese Religion	What I have learned?
The Chinese believed that priests could tell the	How does this image of the old television show, Father Knows Best, reflect
future by writing questions on bones heated over	what you know about Chinese society?
fire. The Chinese also believed strongly in ancestor worship (veneration), often setting up shrines to them in their homes. China is very much a patriarchal society, meaning	As a patriarchal society, the Ancient Chinese looked to the male head of the family for direction in all things.
that the Fathers rule all aspects of the home.	
Similarly, the ruler/emperor was considered the	
"Father" of the civilization.	
Chinese Geography	What I have learned?
Because of the rugged Chinese geography, most of	Before the use of the Silk Road, how did geography affect early China?
China's population will be found in the east, along the coast. Because Chinese civilization was isolated from other civilizations, their culture has remained unique.	 The mountains and deserts in western and southwestern China slowed the exchange of ideas. The northwestern region provided many fertile areas suitable for farming. The three major river systems provided barriers against invasion. The lack of deep-water ports on the eastern coast prevented China from developing trade with other nations.

Their isolation led the Chinese to believe they were the center of the world or also known as the Middle Kingdom.

The Xia [shyah] Dynasty

Give examples of China's unique culture.

Don't worry about this one.

Dates:

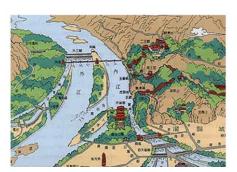
Historians are not sure if **Xia Dynasty** existed because there is little **archaeological evidence**.

Legend says that the Xia's **greatest ruler** was a man named **Yu** who created a dam to hold back the waters of the **Huang He** river also known as the **Yellow** River.

What I have learned?

How does this picture depict what you know about the Xia Dynasty?

The damming of the Yellow River allowed the Hsia to tame the river to a degree, which allowed civilization to emerge.



The Shang [shahng] Dynasty

Dates:

Began in the valley of the **Huang He** (Yellow River). Nicknamed the

- 1. River of Sorrows
- 2. Yellow River

The nickname **Yellow River** comes from the rich mineral deposits (**Silt**) known as **loess**.

The **Shang** were the **first** to:

- 1. Use oracle bones
- 2. Create Chinese calligraphy
- 3. Build city walls for protection from northern invaders
- 4. Leave written records
- 5. Invented a new fabric called silk

The **End** for the Shang Dynasty comes when they are taken over by the **Zhou** Dynasty after many years of problems.

It is said then, that the Shang **lost** the **Mandate** of **Heaven**.

What I have learned?

Describe the reasons for the Huang He's nicknames.

This map shows the boundaries of the Shang Dynasty. While the Shang's civilization began in the Valley of the Yellow River, its borders stretched south to what other important river.



The Yangtze River

The Zhou [joh] Dynasty	What I have learned?
Dates:	The Zhou were the first Chinese to use iron in their weapons & tools.
	What metal do you think this replaced?
Zhou Improvements:	
1. Built roads & canals	Bronze
2. Coined money	
3. Used iron for tools and weapons	

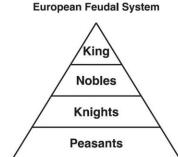
The Zhou also introduced a new **political system** to China called **feudalism**.

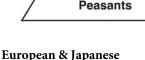
In **Feudalism**, Kings gave **land** to Nobles in exchange for their **military service**. In turn Nobles allowed **peasants** to work the land in exchange for **protection**.

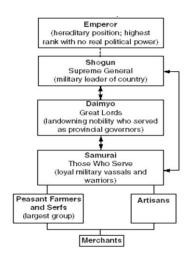
The **End** for the Zhou dynasty came when **nobles** began to fight each other for control. Their weakened state left them open to invasions from the **north**.

It is said then, that the Zhou **lost** the **Mandate** of **Heaven**.

According to these charts, what other 2 civilizations will also use a Feudal system?







The Qin [chin] Dynasty

Dates:

The Qin dynasty was founded by **China's 1**st **Emperor**, a man named **Shi Huangdi**.

Shi Huang di created China's 1st empire by:

- 1. Crushed all opposition
- 2. Defeated northern invaders

Shi Huang di then **unified** his empire through:

- 1. Introducing standard coins
- 2. Introducing standard weights & measurements
- 3. Building a road network

One of Shi Huang di's greatest accomplishments was to connect various segments of **wall** to create the **Great Wall of China**.

Unfortunately, in order to build the wall the Qin ruler

- 1.charged higher taxes &
- 2. used forced labor,

causing him to become very unpopular.

In order to protect him in the afterlife, Shi Huang di built an **army** called the Terra-Cota Warriors.

Not discovered until **1974**, the **Terra-Cotta Warriors** included:

- 1. Life-sized soldier statues
- 2. cavalry horses
- 3. infantry
- 4. wagons

What I have learned?

Qin Shi Huang di unified the Chinese world in part by

- A. conquering Russia.
- B. negotiating a peace with Syria.
- C. creating a single monetary system and ordering the building of a system of roads.
- D. building a complex series of long canals.

Describe how the Qin Emperor's reforms could unify the empire?

Roads make trade easier and allow for travel and cultural diffusion, standard weights and measures enhance commerce, and a standard currency unifies costs.

The map below shows the Great Wall today. What was the purpose of the wall?

To protect China from Northern invaders



What is unique about the Terra-Cotta Warriors?

No two soldiers are alike



In order to keep power , Shi Huang di	Describe the reasons Shi Huang di was considered an <u>Autocratic</u> ruler.
 Jailed or killed critics Burned books with opposing ideas Made nobles' families live in the capital where he could hold them hostage if needed. 	Because he wielded power in a way that was arbitrary and he shared it with no one.
A government such as Shi Huang di's, that had unlimited power used in an arbitrary manner is called an autocracy.	
The End for the Qin Dynasty came when China rejected Shi Huang di's son because of the Harsh manner in which he ruled. It is said that the Qin had	Why might the Chinese people think that the Qin Dynasty had lost the "Mandate of Heaven?"
lost the Mandate of Heaven .	High taxes, war, and a bad life for the people are all signs that the ruling dynasty has lost the Mandate of heaven.
The Han [Hahn] Dynasty	What I have learned?
Dates:	What did Liu Bang do that assured the Chinese people he would not rule
	as Emperor Qin had?
erupted among the	
many noble groups after the death of Shi Huang di .	
The victor among those nobles was a man named	
In order restore stability, Liu Bang	
1.	
2.	
3.	
The Han's most famous ruler was	The Han emperor Wudi A. reduced China's overall territory.
Wudi increased Chinese;	B. eliminated taxes on peasants.
Established an	C. broke up government monopolies
; &	D. opened the Silk Road to the West.
established a	
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The Civil Service consists of jobs. While these jobs	How did the Civil Service system eliminate some of the social boundaries that had existed prior to its inception?
usually went to the sons of the Nobles, the Han	
introduced the use of from	
which applicants were chosen for the jobs.	
Civil Service exams were based on the writings of the Chinese philosopher	He who learns but does not think, is lost! He who thinks but does not learn is in great danger. — Confucius
Han Technology included:	
1.	Explain what Confucius meant by this statement found in the <i>Analects</i> .
2.	
3.	
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Another important development during this time was the increase use of the trade routes known as the The End for the Han Dynasty came due to 1. 2. 3. They still experienced China's longest period of peace & prosperity known as the Historians often compare the Han Dynasty to the Classical civilization of	The exchange of silks and spices and the spread of Buddhism along the Silk Roads are examples of (1) cultural diffusion (2) self-sufficiency (3) Ethnocentrism (4) desertification China under the Han dynasty and the Roman Empire were similar in that both grew wealthy because they (1) developed extensive trade networks (2) created classless societies (3) encouraged democratic ideals (4) established free-market economies
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The Sui [swee] Dynasty	What I have learned?
<u>Dates:</u>	What was the primary purpose for constructing the Grand Canal?
Most important accomplishment? The End of the Sui?	Grand Canal Land under the Tule of the Stull Dynasty Current boundaries of China and Mongolia O 1000km
The Tang [tahng] Dynasty	What I have learned?
Dates: The Tang Dynasty was founded by	Circle the Korean peninsula on the map. Why does it make sense that Chinese culture would spread to Korea? What would be the next logical place for Chinese culture to spread?
who	
2.	
Perhaps one of the Tang's most famous rulers was who became China's only female ruler. Wu Zhao was responsible for expanding the Chinese empire to include the peninsula of	

Tang accomplishments include:	"There is in China a very fine clay from which are made vases having the
1.	transparency of glass bottles; water in these vases is visible through them, and yet they are made of clay." Arab traveler, 861
2.	
3.	This quote by an Arab traveler describes Chinese A. paper.
4.	B. glass.
5.	C. porcelain D. ceramic
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1.	
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The Song [sung] Dynasty	What I have learned?
Dates:	Technological achievements made during the Tang
The Court Division is a second second level lead division.	and Song dynasties were important because they
The Song Dynasty never recovered lands lost during the Tang Dynasty & is broken into 2 distinct periods ,	(1) were used to defeat Kublai Khan
the &	(2) contributed to economic growth and cultural
	advancement (3) increased contact with the Americas
Song accomplishments include:	(4) led to social equality between men and
1.	women
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In each relationship, the person must meet his own responsibilities known as	After Passing the Examination For ten years I never left my books; I went up and won unmerited praise.
Confucius emphasized respect for parents and elders known as	My high place I do not much prize; The joy of my parents will first make me proud. Fellow students, six or seven men, See me off as I leave the City gate.
Confucius' ideas became the foundation of Chinese	My covered coach is ready to drive away; Flutes and strings blend their parting tune. Hopes achieved dull the pains of parting; Fumes of wine shorten the long road
Confucius also believed that	Shod with wings is the horse of him who rides On a Spring day the road that leads to home.
was the key to creating a gentleman, creating a more	On a spring day the road that leads to home.
ordered society.	—Po Chu-i (722-846)
Confucius' ideas led to the creation of the which began during the Han Dynasty . The	Read the poem by Po Chu-i, a poet of the Tang dynasty. What aspects of Confucianism can you identify in the poem?
became the basis for the	
Civil Service exams.	
Taoism (Daoism)	What I have learned?
Taoism was founded by a man named or the	How does this image of someone performing <i>Tai Chi</i> fit with your understanding of Daoism?
Like Confucius, Laozi (Lao tze) was also concerned with the chaos he saw but believed that understanding the could alleviate that chaos.	
Daoists believe the which	Both Laozi & Confucius were concerned with the chaos they saw in China.
means the "" is the universal force	Describe how their approaches in solving the problem were different?
that controls all things.	
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Legalism	What I have learned?
Legalism became the prominent philosophy during	The Code of Hammurabi and Chinese legalism both rely on the idea that
the Dynasty	(1) governments must provide their people with rights (2) harsh laws are needed to control society
Legalists believed	(3) all subjects are equal under the law (4) religion and government must be brought closer together
 2. 	The Legalists believed that a strong ruler was needed to
Legalists also advocated 1.	A. support Daoism. B. trade with the Indian Empire. C. keep order
2.	D. show compassion.
The Emperor	
based his rule on Legalist principles.	
Yin & Yang	What I have learned?
Yin & Yang represents;	Draw an example of Yin & Yang.
the opposing forces in	
Yin & Yang symbols are found in both	
&	
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Yin =	
Yang =	

The rule of Shi Huang di, legalism, and the tomb of terra cotta soldiers are most closely associated with the

- A. Maurya Empire
- B. Qin Dynasty
- C. Persian Empire
- D. Hellenistic Culture

Filial piety and the five relationships are most often associated with

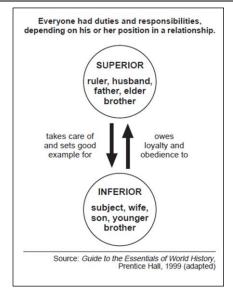
- A. Hinduism
- B. Daoism
- C. Animism
- D. Confucianism
- Showing respect for parents
- Maintaining family honor
- Honoring all elders

Which term is most closely related to these three actions?

(1) nirvana (3) filial piety (2) animism (4) hadj (hajj)

In China, the development of civil service examinations and a belief in filial piety reflect the influence of

- (1) Shinto (3) Confucianism
- (2) Jainism (4) Buddhism



The illustration shows the relationship between individuals in a society according to the ideas of

- (1) Confucius
- (2) Moses
- (3) Mohammad
- (4) Siddhartha Gautama