Ancient River Valley Civilizations

China

Population in East – Isolation due to Geography
- Huang He Valley
  - Yellow River
- Other Rivers
  - Yangtze (Chang Jiang)
  - Xi Jiang
- Gobi Desert

Confucianism
- Confucius – Kongzi
- Humans good & bad
- Filial Piety – respect for parents & elders
- Code of Politeness
- Emphasis on Education
- Ancestor Worship

Daoism
- The “Old Master” – Lao tze
- Harmony w/ Nature
- Simple Life/Inner Peace
- Humility

Buddhism
- Spread along trade routes
- Appealed to those suffering at the end of Han Dynasty
- Cultural Diffusion results in many different sects of Buddhism

Terms
- Mandate of Heaven
- Loess
- Oracle Bones

Dynasties
- The “Dynastic Cycle”
- Xia – Legendary 1st Dynasty (?)
  - Yu the Great
  - Irrigation System
- Shang
  - Capital – Anyang
- Zhou
  - Feudalism
- Qin
  - 1st Emperor – Qin Shi Huang di
    - First Emperor
    - Terra Cotta Warriors
- Han
  - Pax Sinica
  - Silk Roads

Contributions
- Civil Service System
- Paper
- Porcelain
- Silk
- Gunpowder