Unit 5: Classical Asia & MesoAmerican Civilizations

5.1: Classical China: Great Wall & Silk Road

Learning Target & Success Criteria:		
I can describe the political and ideological achievements of the		
and Dynasties in China and e	explain the economic	
and cultural impact of the	throughout Eurasia	
by scoring an 80% or higher on my mastery check.		

Warring States Period

 After the ______ Dynasty lost power in 260 BCE, the "Warring States Period" of Chinese history begins and lasts for over _____ years



Qin Dynasty

•	Qin state will begin	to conquer the other states of China led
	by Ying	in 230 BCE

- After the fall of Qi in 221 BCE, China was _____
 under the rule of Qin
- Zheng declares himself "Qin Shi Huang" (First of Qin) and begins the Qin Dynasty

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•	Qin Shi Huang cracked down on free,	
	moved nobles to the capital, created	policies
	with harsh punishments	
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 New standards for law and currency systems, built canals, expanded trade, unified China

• All critics of Qin Shi Huang were _____, jailed, or sent to work on _____ the Great Wall

Burned all books of Confucian thinkers and _____

Confucian scholars alive

The Great Wall

•	700s BCE sections of a protective _	had been built,
	designed to keep northern	out

Qin Shi Huang ordered the wall to be fortified, to close the
 _____, and eventually to cover the entire northern border
 of the empire

 Forced _____ (criminals serving a punishment) and high taxes were utilized to build the wall

• It took over _____ years for the wall to be completed

_____ were added later along the Great Wall for guards to light fires and to each other that an

attacker was approaching



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Tomb of Qin Shi Huang

- Discovered in the 1970s, the ______ of Qin Shi Huang was discovered with almost _____ terracotta warriors, chariots, and horses
- Each terracotta soldier had a unique face and took thousands of sculptors to create over many years

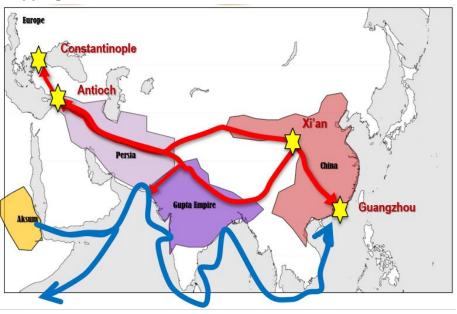


Qin Dynasty Ends, Han Dynasty Begins

- Harsh rule of the Qin Dynasty replaced by the Han Dynasty

Han D	ynasty	
•	taxes and forced labor, promoted	
	Confucianism,, and moved away from the	
	harsh style of the Qin Dynasty	
•	Emperor Wu ruled from 141-87 BCE, most influential	
	Chinese emperors and led China into a	
•	China to its greatest extent, past the	
	Great Wall	
•	Started Civil Service Exams, the first standardized test	
	based on Confucianism, to show a person's	
	rather than taking positions in	
	government based on family connections	
•	Civil Service Exams did not end in China until the	
	– one of the longest lasting impacts of the Dynasty	
Han S	ociety	
•	Agriculture was the most important profession, but	
	began to thrive	
•	Technological improvements included the	
	, iron tools, and	
	waterpower to grind grain	
•	Government monopolies on, iron, and salt	
•	Silk workers were not allowed to leave China under penalty	
	of, China trying to protect the secrets of the	
	silk creation process	
•	The Silk Road was established as a route	
	connecting China across the continent to	

Mapping the Silk Road



Stability Brings Trade

miles away

•	Classical civilizations develop stability		
•	Strong	in China, India, the	
	Mediterranean provide order and safety which led to the		
	development of	routes that were fairly safe to	
	travel the	different civilizations	
•	These connected trade ne	nese connected trade networks became known as the	
•	Began in eastern	_ during the Han Dynasty, with	
	the discovery of creating	fabric from the silkworm,	
	which reached the markets of Greece and Rome over		

Goods Traded on Silk Road Silk, which China held a _____ on the creation of for over _____ years, was a luxurious fabric and highly valuable From China and Eastern Asia, spices, _____ and porcelain goods moved west towards Europe • From the west, olive oil, _____, cloth, _____, & foods moved east towards China • Precious metals, _____, timber, tortoise shells were traded from all over, even _____ civilizations, along the Silk Road Central Asians acted as ______ and merchants along the Silk Road **Traveling Along the Silk Road** Deserts and mountainous terrain made _______ the Silk Road very _____became the main mode of transportation, not needing to stop for for multiple days • Merchants usually only traded along short 20-30 mile sections of the Silk Road and were formed to provide food and safety as well as a place to trade goods Caravanserais developed into ______ and eventually into wealthy along the Silk Road

Ideas Spread Along Silk Road

- Ideas, beliefs, and ______ begin to spread from cross-cultural contact
- From _____: Buddhism and Hinduism spread through Asia, also the concept of zero and the _____
 system
- From Middle Eastern civilizations: advanced _______, ancient religion Zoroastrianism spreads into Asia
- From _____: silk, _____, compass, books, and gunpowder spread west toward _____
- From Byzantine Empire: ______ spreads, arts and relics, concept of a simple set of _____ from Justinian's Code, scholars shared Greek and Roman learning and philosophies

Impact of the Silk Road

shared and ______ along the Silk Road
Science, religion, and _____ spread
Bubonic _____ would spread from rats on the trade ships in the east to Europe and would kill _____ during the Middle Ages

Millions of lived changed by _____ and new goods



Watch the Silk Road video in 5.1 Review and answer the following questions as you watch.

1. What was one of the most important stretches along the Silk Road between Sardis and Susa called?

2. What did China send to trade with Persia and India?

3. List at least **five** goods that were traded across the Silk Road.

4. Which religions spread across the continent of Asia?

- 5. What time period did Europeans begin after the decline of the Silk Road?
- 6. The Silk Road is now known as the world's first what?