

**BIG IDEAS**

1. Early Chinese history was shaped by three dynasties—the Shang, the Zhou, and the Qin.
2. The Han dynasty created a new form of government that valued family, art, and learning.
3. The Tang and Song dynasties were periods of economic, cultural, and technological accomplishments.
4. Confucian thought influenced the Song government.
5. The Chinese were ruled by foreigners during the Yuan dynasty, but they threw off Mongol rule and prospered during the Ming dynasty.

**REVIEWING VOCABULARY, TERMS, AND PLACES**

Use the description in the right column to unscramble the term or name in the box. Write the correct term or name in the space provided.

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| ERTGA LWAL     | 1. _____ A barrier near China's northern border built to keep invaders out                                  |
| NPEROCALI      | 2. _____ A thin, beautiful pottery developed during the Song dynasty  |
| BDRNIEFOD IYTC | 3. _____ A large palace complex in Beijing built during the Ming dynasty                                    |
| PREUAUNCTUC    | 4. _____ Han advance in medicine involving the use of needles to cure disease                               |
| RUCREUBAYCA    | 5. _____ A body of unelected government officials   |
| ANLSUID        | 6. _____ A device invented during the Han dynasty that uses shadows cast by the sun to tell the time of day |
| NHCAG NIJAG    | 7. _____ A major river in China where people first settled  |
| ONGWEDUPR      | 8. _____ A mixture of powders used in fireworks and weapons invented in Tang China                          |

**COMPREHENSION AND CRITICAL THINKING**

Read each pair of people or terms. Circle the one that occurred first.

1. Qin dynasty **OR** Zhou dynasty
2. Confucianism **OR** mandate of heaven
3. Liu Bang **OR** Shi Huangdi
4. sundial **OR** compass

**REVIEWING THEMES**

Using the themes listed below, determine which is identified by each statement.

**Themes**

location	place	regions	movement	human-environment interaction
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\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Artisans in Shang China made cooking containers out of bronze.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Zheng He led voyages on the Indian Ocean to places as far away as the Persian Gulf and Africa.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. People in China first settled near the Chang Jiang and Huang He rivers because the land was good for farming.

**REVIEW ACTIVITY: FAMILY**

As you have read, the Han period was a time of great social change. The Han government promoted Confucian teachings about family. On a separate sheet of paper, draw one large circle in the center. Then draw three lines from the circle. Label one line “men,” label the second line “women,” and label the third line “children.” Label the center of the circle “family.” Then under each heading, list the different characteristics, expectations, and roles of each type of family member. How similar or different are the roles of family members during this time compared to those of your family? Why do you think this is? Consider the benefits of each system and list them as well.