

Unit 3 – Ancient India and China: civilization spreads east

29) Asia

- a) What portion of today's people live in Asia?
- b) What are the world's two most populous countries
- c) Discuss possible problems that could arise due to high population and growth (social and environmental).

30) India

- a) Discuss the effect Indian geography played in their early history (think in terms of trade).
- b) What do we call India's first civilization? Where was it (in modern terms)?
- c) Where did "civilization come from?" and what indicators of civilization do we find in the Indus valley?

31) the caste system

- a) Create a "pyramid" that represents the Indian caste system (5 levels for 5 groups, highest class at top).
- b) Label each level with the appropriate caste/group beside your pyramid and details about the caste.
- c) How does the caste system influence life in India today?

32&33) Hinduism & Buddhism

- a) Create a thorough double bubble map or Venn diagram that compares and contrasts India's two major world religions, Hinduism and Buddhism.

34) Ashoka

- a) What major change of heart did Ashoka have after creating his empire (describe him before and after)?
- b) What was the name of the Dynasty Ashoka belonged to? What was India like before this Dynasty?
- c) Based on this limited reading, would you say Ashoka was a good leader, or a bad leader?? Explain thoroughly using information from the reading.

35) Gupta Empire

- a) What flourished during the Gupta Empire? What nickname did this progress earn the Empire?
- b) What were some of the specific advancements during India's golden age?
- c) Explain how these advancements were important not only to India, but to the entire world.

36) nomadic raiders

- a) Describe the pastoral way of life.
- b) Why do you think pastoral people made so many advancements in warfare? How did their lifestyle encourage this progress and give them an advantage?
- c) What impact do you think invasions by pastoral people had on civilizations in terms of culture, technological progress, and the design of cities.

37) China

- a) Geographically, how was the beginning of Chinese civilization the same as civilizations the world over?
- b) Bubble Map: Chinese culture and philosophy (details about each on

a thinking map).

c) Today, what percentage of the world population lives in China?

What do you know about the relationship between the United States and China? Tell me what you know in a paragraph.

38) mandate from heaven

a) Explain what a mandate from heaven is. What dynasty first claimed to rule by a mandate from heaven?

b) The mandate from heaven increased the emperor's power, but it also protected the people. Explain how?

c) Described in the last paragraph is the “dynastic cycle” of China.

Create a flow map that shows one cycle in that process (the rise, rule, decline, and fall of the Zhou (JOH) Dynasty).

39) Confucius

a) Bubble Map: Confucian beliefs

40) The First Emperor

a) The Zhou Dynasty had an emperor, yet Qin Shi Huangdi is known as China's first emperor. Explain why.

b) Reading about Qin (CHIN), explain why you think his dynasty did not last very long?

41) Great Wall of China

a) Explain how China was graced by geography. What protection was offered?

b) Why did the Chinese build the wall along their northern border?

c) How did Qin's quest for eternal life backfire? Why do you think he wanted such an elaborate burial?

42) Han Dynasty

- a) Create another dynastic cycle flow map detailing the rise, rule, decline, and fall of the Han Dynasty.
- b) How had most leaders, up to this point in history, risen to power? How did the civil service exam begin to challenge power by virtue of birth?
- c) What advantages might come from using this type of exam system?

44) Iron Age

- a) What was the key “ingredient” to the production of iron instead of bronze?
- b) Why was iron better (multiple reasons)?
- c) Explain how iron allowed another growth spurt in the human population and the impact on warfare.

43) the Silk Road

- a) What role did nomads play in trade along the Silk Road?
- b) Illustrated Bubble Map: Silk Road trade goods (draw pictures of items traded, you don't have to write!)
- c) What effect do you think the Silk Road had on culture throughout Eurasia?