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8.01: Post-Classical China

Enhanced Guided Notes

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What Happened in China after the Fall of the Han Dynasty?

(Page 1)

Use the space below to create your own timeline of Post-Classical China. Be sure to include all three dynasties and the dates of rule.



How did the Tang Restore China's Strength? (Page 2)

Important Figure	Dynasty	Notes
Li Yuan		
Wu		

What was Changan?

How did the Silk Road impact trade?

What factors contributed to the Tang losing the Mandate of Heaven?

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What Was Life Like During the Tang dynasty? (Page 3)

Vocabulary Term	Explain the meaning of each term in your own words and describe why the term is important to the lesson.
Porcelain	
Calligraphy	

What effects did Invaders Have on the Song Dynasty? (Page 4)

Vocabulary Term	Explain the meaning of each term in your own words and describe why the term is important to the lesson.
Commercial	
Urbanization	

Name	Dynasty	Notes
T'ai-tsu		

Why was the Song Dynasty not as dominant as the Tang Dynasty had been?

What led to the increased population in southeastern China?

What Was Life Like During the Song Dynasty? (Page 5)

Vocabulary Term	Explain the meaning of each term in your own words and describe why the term is important to the lesson.
Innovations	
Alchemist	

Salt peter	
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Why was each of the following innovations important?

- Gunpowder:
- Movable type:
- Paper money:
- Magnetic compass:

How Did the Ming Dynasty Rise to Power? (Page 6)

Vocabulary Term	Explain the meaning of each term in your own words and describe why the term is important to the lesson.
Censors	

Important Figure	Dynasty	Notes
Hongwu		

How did Zhu Yuanzhang become known as Hongwu?

When Hongwu took power, his first order of business was to unite the Chinese people. Describe some of his reforms below. **Hint: use the slideshow to guide you.*

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What Were Foreign Relations Like During the Ming Dynasty? (Page 7)

Name	Dynasty	Notes
Zheng He		

What are some potential reasons China stopped exploration after 1435?

What led to the decline of the Silk Road?

What Was Life Like Under the Ming Rulers? (Page 8)

Vocabulary Term	Explain the meaning of each term in your own words and describe why the term is important to the lesson.
Terraces	
Literacy Rate	

List some examples of art during the Ming Dynasty:

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