

China Study Guide

Intro: In this unit we will do a brief survey on the history of China. We will study the empires of the Shang/Zhou, Han, Qing, and the influence of European Empires. These empires had significant impacts on the historical narrative of China and have led to the contemporary successes and conflicts in the region.

Big Picture: These are the skills we will be working on throughout the entire semester.

- Understand the nature of historical knowledge as a process of inquiry that examines and analyzes how history is viewed, constructed, and interpreted.
- Analyze historical time periods and patterns of continuity and change, through multiple perspectives, within and among cultures and societies.

Questions: These are the questions we will be answering while we study the historical narrative in this unit.

- How did China's history create unity and division in the region?
- How did the major philosophies of Daoism, Confucianism, Legalism, Communism, and Capitalism impact China's history?
- How does the point of view of the Europeans / Chinese affect how we interpret the colonization of China?
- How did Chinese, and later the Europeans, create continuity and change over the course of colonization?
- How did colonization impact the culture of China?
- How did imperialism impact the Chinese and how did they respond?

Vocab: By the end of this unit you should know the following vocab and how it relates to the historical narrative we have been studying.

Shang/Zhou	Treaty of Nanjing	Self-determination	Nixon
Mandate of Heaven	Open Door Policy	Sovereignty	Deng Xiaoping
Confucianism	Spheres of Influence	United Nations	Four Modernizations
Taoism	Nationalism	Little Red Book	Beijing Massacre
Legalism	Boxer Rebellion	5 Year Plan	(Tiananmen Square)
Buddhism	Dr. Sun Yatsen	Great Leap Forward	Special Economic Zones
Civil Service Exam	Mao Zedong	Cultural Revolution	Pollution
Qing Dynasty	Karl Marx		Human Rights
Opium Wars	Communism		
	Chinese Civil War		
	WWII		

Map: Know the following locations on the map. As we learn about the historical development in each of these areas, make sure to make those connections!



- Huang He River
- Indus River
- Himalaya Mountains
- Pacific Ocean
- Indian Ocean
- China
- Tibet
- India
- Bangladesh
- Pakistan
- Taiwan
- Hong Kong
- Beijing

