Topic 5 Study Guide

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1. How did having a standardized currency (money) help China?

2. What were the major achievements of the Shang dynasty?

3. How were Han emperors different from Qin emperors?

4. Draw or explain the physical geographical features that isolated China on all four sides.

5. What did the Chinese do at festivals and holidays to chase away evil spirits?

6. How did Han emperors stabilize their economy?

7. What is required of a ruler to stay in power according to the Mandate of Heaven?

8. Which emperor sent envoys to establish relations with western kingdoms?

9. What do Daoism and Confucianism have in common?

10. What brought new ideas (like Buddhism) and prosperity to Han merchants in China?

11. How did Zhou rulers control the different regions in their kingdom?

12. What religion believes the Dao is the natural way of the universe?

13. Which dynasty conquered more territory; the Han or the Qin?

14. List the five relationships that are important in Confucianism:

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15. Confucianism believes children should be devoted to their parents. What is this belief called?

16. What philosophy says that a strict ruler is needed to create an orderly society?

17. How did Han society feel about farmers and why? Merchants and why?

18. In Han society, which products were so important they were made into a state monopoly?

19. Which dynasty created beautiful works from clay and coated them with lacquer?

**Essays**

20. Why did the first settlements in China begin along the Huang River?

21. How did the Mandate of Heaven lead to the expansion of the Zhou empire?

22. How did Confucius’s early life influence his view of proper behavior?

23. What allowed trade to flourish during the Han dynasty?

24. Pick two Chinese cultures we’ve studied (Shang, Zhou, Qin, and Han) and compare and contrast their major achievements.

*Study everything else for the BONUS questions!*