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Chapter 6: Ancient China Study Guide

Section 1: Geography and Early China p. 160-165
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1. Why is the Huang He (Yellow River) called China's sorrow?
2. What kinds of crops are grown in China?
3. Describe the growth of Chinese culture.
4. Why are records of the Xia dynasty significant?
5. What is an oracle?
6. Describe how the Gobi Desert and the Himalayas were beneficial to Ancient China.

Section 2: The Zhou Dynasty and New Ideas p. 166-171

7. Describe the social structure of the Zhou dynasty. Was it possible to move up in this society?

8. What was unique about the Zhou dynasty?

9. List three main Confucius beliefs.

10. Describe how Confucius beliefs are present in Chinese culture today.

11. List two main Daoist beliefs.

12. List two main Legalist beliefs.

Section 3: The Qin Dynasty p. 172-176
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13. Describe the rule of Emperor Shi Huangdi. Why is he historically significant?

14. What achievements was the Qin Dynasty known for?

15. Describe the Great Wall of China and its purpose.

16. What caused the fall of the Qin Dynasty?

Section 4: The Han Dynasty p. 178-183
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17. How did Confucianism influence Han society?

18. What is a sundial?

19. What is a seismograph?

20. What is acupuncture?

Section 5: Han Contacts with Other Culture p. 186-189

21. Describe the benefits of the use of iron during the Han Dynasty

22. Describe silk and its production.

23. Describe the Silk Road and its significance to the Han Dynasty.

24. How was trade beneficial to Ancient China?

25. Describe the arrival and influence of Buddhism in China. Why was Buddhism so attractive to the Chinese?

26. What is diffusion?