

Classical Civilization: China

INTRODUCTION

1. What was the world view developed by Huang He thinkers?

PATTERNS IN CLASSICAL CHINA

2. How did the Chinese and Westerners differ in their view of history? Make sure to provide an example to support your answer.

3. What were the three (3) dynastic cycles of classical China?

4. What problems led to the decline of the Zhou dynasty?

5. How did the Zhou dynasty contribute to the cultural and political development of China? Explain several contributions.

6. Although Shih Huangdi was a brutal ruler, why was this an effective method of government during the Qin dynasty?

7. What were some of the political and cultural innovations under the Qin dynasty?

8. How did the bureaucracy improve under the Han dynasty?

POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

9. How was strong local rule a key element to the political framework that emerged in China?

10. How did the Chinese political framework serve as a model of centralized government?

11. Explain why the bureaucracy under the Han dynasty was so effective?

12. How did the imperial government play a role in the economy?