

WORLD CULTURES II

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Learning Unit No. 12

P.R.C. - China's Ancient Civilization

General Information

Unit Outcome: To gain an understanding of China's pre-20th century history along with the cultural traditions of the Chinese people

Chronology (Refer to the timeline.)

Key Names

Marco Polo	Shih Huang Ti
Confucius	Han Wu Ti
Lao-Tzu	Mencius
Kublai Khan	Tz'u Hsi (Empress Dowager)

Key Terms

Taoism	Han Dynasty
Confucianism	Sui Dynasty
Legalism	T'ang Dynasty
Hsia Dynasty	Sung Dynasty
Shang Dynasty	Yuan (Mongol) Dynasty
Chou Dynasty	Ming Dynasty
Ch'in Dynasty	Ch'ing (Manchu) Dynasty
Great Wall	Taiping Rebellion
Treaty of Nanking	ideographs
Mandate of Heaven	Middle Kingdom (Celestial Kingdom)
ancestor worship	filial piety
civil service exam	kow-tow
Opium War	sphere of influence
extraterritoriality	ethics
yin and yang	Pax Sinica
Silk Road	queue
gentry (scholar-literati)	K'u-li ("coolie")
Forbidden City	

Key Concepts:

1. Along with the Indic, Mesopotamian and Egyptian civilizations, China had an ancient history.
2. Through much of its history, China has been the most developed civilization in the world giving rise to feeling of superiority and xenophobia which later proved disastrous.

Readings:

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| _____ 1. pp. 33 - 43 | _____ 3. pp. 54 - 61 | _____ 5. pp. 76 - 82 |
| _____ 2. pp. 43 - 50 | _____ 4. pp. 62 - 69 | _____ 6. pp. 99 - 108 |