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- List some of the major companies found in the United States. What do these companies produce? Do you think these companies are told what to produce by the government?

Objective

- Know the extent of China's advanced empire.
- Identify main ideas and details in the region's history.

History of China and Its Neighbors



- China's civilization formed when farming villages formed on the fertile North China Plain. See the map on page 623.
- China was isolated due to geographic features.
 - High Mountains to the West and the sea to the East



- 1800 B.C. Emperors started to rule China.
- Emperors were members of dynasties.
- Dynasty=ruling family that held power for many years
- Rulers unified the country of China and made it powerful

Qui(chin) emperor Shi Huangdi

- Created written uniform language for whole country
 - Made communication easier
 - United country
- Connected scattered walls to build the Great Wall. It was extended over time by many rulers to 4000 miles!
 - The wall was meant to protect farmers from nomadic invaders.



China Achievements

- Paper
- Silk
- Gunpowder
- Magnetic compass

Built roads, and canals for easier trade and travel.

The Grand Canal is the longest man-made waterway in the world.

Stretches over 1000 miles from Beijing to Hangzhou.



Mongolian Empire

- Many groups of nomads live on the plains North of China
- One group called the Mongols was ruled under Genghis Khan in the 1200's.
- Mongolians are descendants from Mongol's
- Mongol's swept over the Great Wall and conquered China
- Mongol empire was the largest empire the world had ever seen.
- The Mongol empire did not last long.
- In 1368 the Chinese overthrew the Mongols and Ming Dynasty rose to power.



Belief Systems

- Throughout the rise and fall of dynasty's, three belief systems influenced the region's culture.
 1. Confucianism
 2. Daoism
 3. Buddhism

Confucianism: Confucius (551-479 B.C.)

- Believed society would be peaceful and in harmony if people acted according to their roles.
 - In the family, the young should respect the old.
 - In government, the ruler should care for his subjects and in return the subjects had a duty to respect and obey the ruler.
- 300 years later after his death, his teaching influence increased.
 - Emperor Wudi of the Han dynasty used Confucianism in government.
 - Confucianism was taught in schools in China.
 - This value system greatly influenced Chinese culture.



Daoism

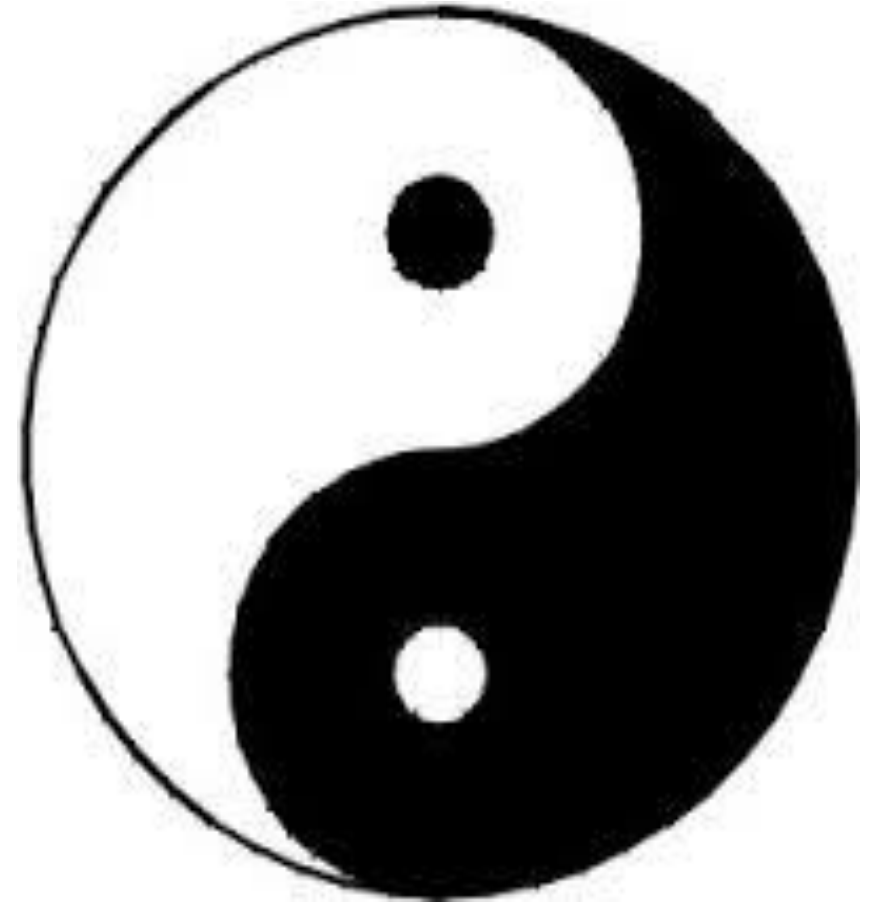
“Dao” means “the path or way”

Daoists believe that people should try to find this path

Daoists find evidence of Dao in natural things like water.

“There is nothing in the world more soft and weak than water, and yet for attacking things that are firm and strong, nothing is better than water.”

-Laozi



Buddhism

- Monks and other travelers from India brought Buddhism to China during the Han dynasty.
- Buddhists built monasteries and temples across the country.
- Became popular all over the country and in Mongolia
 - Much more influential on Mongolia's culture than Confucianism and Daoism.



Last Chinese Dynasty – Qing (ching) Dynasty

- Fell in early 1900's
- Communist government took control of both China and Mongolia.
- 1839 the Qing dynasty fought Britain over the opium trade.
- Opium= an addictive drug that Britain had been trading for Chinese tea.
- Qing saw bad side effects of the drug and tried to stop the trade.
- British sent warships to bombard some Chinese cities and China's weak military could not fight back.
- China was forced to accept the opium trade and foreign domination.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kd2CYPdYwcY>

- The Qing Dynasty lost Taiwan to Japan after a brief war in 1895.
- Taiwan stayed under Japanese control through WW2
- The Chinese were surprised that a small country like Japan could be defeat them.
- Many people blamed the Qing Dynasty for the country's weakness
- 1911-1912 a revolution took place to remove Qing from power

- The revolution was meant to modernize China and make it strong but it did not bring peace.
- China fought constantly for almost 30 years followed by a Japanese invasion during WW2.
- Nationalists under Jiang Jieshi fought communists led by Mao Zedong for control.
- 1949 the communists won the long civil war and set up a stable government on mainland China.
- The Nationalists fled to Taiwan and set up a rival government that is still there today.

Jiang Jieshi



Mao Zedong



NOBLE MANCHURIAN WOMEN OF QING DYNASTY (1644 TO 1912)

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Empress Xiaozhuangzhen
1760 - 1797



Manchuian Lady
19th Century



High caste Manchuian Lady
19th Century



Noble Manchu Woman
19th Century



Lady Yehenara
1841 - 1896



Noble Manchuian Lady
1900s

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