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CHAPTER 5 STUDY GUIDE  
ANCIENT CHINA: AN EASTERN JOURNEY

The purpose of this study guide is to help you prepare for our upcoming test. It is not considered homework. It will not be collected or graded. However, I strongly recommend that you answer each question. Becoming familiar with the following material will greatly assist you on the test.

Please be familiar with the following terms:

Loess -

Gorge -

Steppe -

Legalism -

Bureaucracy -

Pinyin -

Dialect -

Tonal -

1. According to your textbook, which 3 seas border China?
2. Using the English names, identify China's 3 main rivers.
3. Which Chinese river is considered its main river? Use the English name.
4. Which Chinese river, again using the English name, saw the rise of China's first civilization?
5. Which 3 mountain ranges are transportation barriers in China's western territory?

6. Which major desert is within China's borders?
7. What was the name of China's first dynasty?
8. Why is writing an especially important component of the Chinese language? Give a full explanation.
9. What 3 things do written Chinese characters represent?
10. Name China's 2 most common dialects.
11. Roughly how many characters are in the Chinese language?
12. To master the Chinese language, roughly how many characters must a reader and writer be familiar with?
13. What was the purpose of oracle bones to ancient Chinese culture?
14. Which Chinese dynasty lasted longest?
15. What did a Mandate of Heaven assert?
16. Cite 3 conditions that might signal an end to the Mandate of Heaven.
17. According to ancient Chinese religion, what is one's most important duty?
18. What is ancient China's era of extended civil war referred to as?

19. According to Confucius, what qualities allowed rulers to govern well?
20. What written work is a collection of Confucius's teachings?
21. List the 5 Key Relationships, in any order, according to Confucius.
22. Which relationship, according to Confucius, is most important?
23. Who created the philosophy of Daoism?
24. Which writings serve as the scriptures of Daoism?
25. According to Daoism, what creates harmony in society?
26. What creates disharmony, according to Daoism?
27. What are the Three Treasures of Daoism?
28. Which symbol represents harmony in the Daoist tradition?
29. Which Chinese dynasty ended China's extended period of civil wars, created China's first empire, and lent China its name?
30. Name ancient China's first emperor.

31. Cite 3 governmental ideas that were effective in keeping order in China's first empire.
32. How long is China's Great Wall?
33. In which century did China build its Great Wall?
34. Cite 4 aspects of Chinese culture and society that were standardized under China's first empire.
35. Cite 3 significant building projects overseen by China's first empire.
36. In what important way did the Han Dynasty change the process of filling government jobs?
37. Which government philosophy was the Han Dynasty based upon?
38. Which important scientific instrument did the Han Dynasty invent?
39. Cite 3 major trade goods produced by ancient China.
40. Cite 3 industrial accomplishments of the Song Dynasty.
41. How does block printing work?

42. How does the concept of movable type work?
43. Before block printing, how were copies of documents produced?
44. Which foreign empire ruled China as a dynasty? Which foreigner began this conquest of China?
45. Which key trade route connected ancient China to Europe?
46. According to your notes, what made Marco Polo's visit to China important?
47. Name the book that serves as an account of Marco Polo's travels.
48. Which Chinese dynasty and admiral launched far-reaching voyages of exploration?
49. Which main cultural regions were visited during China's period of sea exploration?
50. Which secretive location in Beijing later served as headquarters for Chinese rulers?
51. Which key advice by Confucian scholars during the Ming Dynasty arguably weakened China's long-term standing in the world during the 15<sup>th</sup> century?
52. Which natural products served as early Chinese medicine?

53. What is acupuncture?
54. What is foot binding and why was it done?
55. Which 2 countries have more land than China?
56. How large is China's current population?
57. Which governmental policy is used today to control China's population growth?
58. Name China's current capital.
59. What type of governmental system is used in China today?
60. Today, which island does China wish to add to its holdings?