

The Empires of Asia

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<p>Unit Overview</p> <p>The Asian civilizations of China and Japan were great centers of learning and culture. In China, a series of dynasties ruled a large, unified empire. Many advances were made during this time.</p> <p>To the east, Japan reached a golden age in art and literatures during the Heian Period. Later, the country developed a government run by generals called shogun and warriors known as samurai.</p>	<p>Content Elaborations</p> <p>1. The Mongols conquered and unified most of present day China and Korea for approximately 30 years during the 13th and 14th centuries. Trade strengthened during this period. 2. Growing opposition to the rule of the foreigners led to the overthrow of the Mongols. 3. Japan's system of feudalism led to an isolated society. 4. China's great commercial and cultural centers grew as a result of its link to the western world through the Silk Road where culture and goods were exchanged. 5. Geographic factors can contribute to or impede the movement of people, products, and ideas. 6. Buddhism spread throughout the eastern half of Asia through trade routes that evolved over time, including the Silk Road. 7. Cultural diffusion refers to the spread of the traits, ideas and products of a culture.</p>	<p>Unit Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Videos- Journals through History: Ancient China: Contributions to the World<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Journals through History: Ancient China: From Dynasty to Destiny- The Forbidden City- Discovery Atlas: Short Stories: Japan Revealed* Vocabulary Activities* Mapping Activities* Timeline Activities* Compare/Contrast Activities
<p>Unit Vocabulary</p> <p>Ch. 14-Period of Disunion, Grand Canal, Empress Wu, porcelain, woodblock printing, gunpowder, compass, bureaucracy, civil service, scholar-official, Genghis Khan, Zheng He, isolationism, function, incentive, consequences</p> <p>Ch. 15- clans Shinto, Prince Shotoku, regent, court, Lady Murasaki Shikibu, Zen, daimyo, samurai, figurehead, shogun, structure, values</p>	<p>Enduring Understandings (Big Ideas)</p> <p>The Forbidden City was once a royal Chinese palace during the 500s-1600s. Today it serves as a museum and as a reminder of the glorious history of China.</p> <p>Japanese culture was based on loyalty and the religion of Buddhism. The culture culminated into a golden age of art and literature in the 900s. A complex military society developed</p>	<p>Connections</p> <p>Chinese Technology Exhibits</p>

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