

Guided Reading Activity



The First Chinese Empires

Lesson 3 *The Han Dynasty*

Review Questions

Directions: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

- A. Main Idea:** Liu Pang and his successors quickly established control over their new empire.
- Detail:** Liu Pang, the first _____ emperor, replaced the cruel punishments of Legalism, employed a policy of _____, and adopted _____ principles.
 - Detail:** Liu Pang's dynasty introduced the _____, examination and hired officials on the basis of _____.
 - Detail:** Although the Han period was prosperous, landowning _____ suffered from demands on them, such as _____ service and periods of forced _____.
 - Detail:** The Han era saw a major expansion of state-owned _____ and _____ by sea routes and overland along the _____.
 - Detail:** Han technologies included the invention of _____, the art of _____, and innovations in the _____ of ships.
 - Detail:** Han _____ achievements included the development of Confucian classics for children and works of political and social _____.
- B. Main Idea:** As weak rulers amused themselves with court life, the power of the Han dynasty declined, and the empire fell prey to invaders.
- Detail:** By A.D. 170, _____, _____ at the court, and peasant _____ brought about the virtual collapse of the Han dynasty.
 - Detail:** After a general seized control in A.D. 220, China fell prey to _____ war and _____ from the north.

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Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What achievements and challenges characterized the Han dynasty?
