**Shang Dynasty**

* When was this dynasty?
* Who founded the dynasty?
* Who were some of its important leaders/people?
* What was the dynasty’s major accomplishments?
* What was life and culture like during this dynasty?
* Any interesting stories, wars, myths or legends about this dynasty?

**Confucius and Confucianism**

* Life story and background of Confucius
* Ideas and Teachings of Confucianism
* Impact of Confucianism on China’s government, values and culture.

**Zhou Dynasty/The Mandate From Heaven**

* When was this dynasty?
* Who founded the dynasty?
* Who were some of its important leaders/people?
* What was the dynasty’s major accomplishments?
* What was life and culture like during this dynasty?
* Any interesting stories, wars, myths or legends about this dynasty?
* Be sure to mention the Mandate From Heaven and its role in Zhou dynasty

**Qin Shi Huang and the Qin Dynasty**

* When was this dynasty?
* Who was Qin Shi Huang? What was his rule like and what were his accomplishments?
* Who were some of the dynasty’s important leaders/people?
* What was the dynasty’s major accomplishments?
* What was life and culture like during this dynasty?
* Any interesting stories, wars, myths or legends about this dynasty?

**Ancient Japan**

* Brief overview of Japanese Geography
* Brief overview of early Japanese civilization
* Japanese dynasty/government structure
* Shoguns/samurai and Imperial Japan
* Japanese Culture, Religion and other interesting accomplishments

**Daoism and the teachings of Laozi**

* Life and background of Laozi
* Ideas and Teachings of Daoism
* Impact of Daoism on China’s values and culture
* How Daoism is practiced in China today

**The Great Wall of China**

* Reason for the walls creation, which dynasties built it, when and why.
* Details about the wall’s construction, length, height etc.
* Importance the wall played in China’s long history.
* Myths and Legends about the Great Wall.

**Chinese Inventions**

* Discuss origins and uses of a variety of ancient Chinese inventions!

**The Silk Road**

* Identify the meaning of the Silk Road and when and why is was made
* Discuss the route, how goods were transferred and the various dangers and rewards along the way
* Discuss the “exchange” of goods, technology and ideas from East to West along the silk road and the impact it had on world history.
* Any interesting facts, legends, primary sources you may find!

**Ancient Chinese Art and Writing**

* Discuss ancient Chinese writing, how it was made and read.
* Discuss music, painting, sculpture, architecture, metalwork etc. from ancient China
* Discuss different styles, significance and importance of art in Chinese religion and culture.
* Discuss specific artists and famous works of art in Chinese history.

**Voyages of Zheng He**

* Who was Zheng He? What was his background? How did he become an explorer?
* Describe Zheng He’s sailing expeditions in detail and the accomplishments of each.
* Describe Zheng He’s treasure fleet, its size and scale compared to other world explorers
* Any other interesting stories, myths or legends about his life and adventures.

**The Mongolian Empire**

* Who founded the Mongol Empire?
* Who were some of its important leaders/people?
* What was the Mongol Empire’s major accomplishments?
* What was life and culture like in Mongolia?
* Any interesting stories, wars, myths or legends about the Mongols?
* How did the Mongol Empire fall apart? What was its lasting legacy?

**Ming Dynasty**

* Who founded the dynasty?
* Who were some of its important leaders/people?
* What was the dynasty’s major accomplishments?
* What was life and culture like during this dynasty?
* Any interesting stories, wars, myths or legends about this dynasty?

**Tang Dynasty**

* Who founded the dynasty?
* Who were some of its important leaders/people?
* What was the dynasty’s major accomplishments?
* What was life and culture like during this dynasty?
* Any interesting stories, wars, myths or legends about this dynasty?

**Empress Wu Zetian**

* Who was Wu Zetian? What was her background?
* Describe Wu Zetian’s rise to power and how she assumed the throne.
* Describe Wu Zetian’s major accomplishments.
* Any other interesting stories, myths or legends about her rule.

**Song Dynasty**

* Who founded the dynasty?
* Who were some of its important leaders/people?
* What was the dynasty’s major accomplishments?
* What was life and culture like during this dynasty?
* Any interesting stories, wars, myths or legends about this dynasty?

**Han Dynasty**

* Who founded the dynasty?
* Who were some of its important leaders/people?
* What was the dynasty’s major accomplishments?
* What was life and culture like during this dynasty?
* Any interesting stories, wars, myths or legends about this dynasty?

**Legalism and the teachings of Hanfeizi**

* Life and background of Hanfeizi
* Ideas and Teachings of Legalism
* Impact of Legalism on China’s values and culture
* How Legalism influences China today

**Period of the Warring States**

* Why did this period of war occur? How long did it last?
* Discuss the various warring dynasties involved.
* Discuss Sun Tzu’s book Art of War and its impact on military history.
* Any interesting stories, battles or events occurring during this period.
* New technology invented during this period.
* Why did the Period of Warring States come to an end?

**Physical Geography of China**

* Physical features of China such as rivers, seas, mountains, plateaus, deserts etc.
* Animals and Plant life found in the various regions of China.
* Natural resources of China.
* Impact of human activity on China’s environment.