



Constructive Response Questions
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Ancient China & Japan

Outcomes: Geography & Culture

1. Setting the Stage:

- China's first city walls were built _____ years after the walls of _____, the great _____, and the planned cities on the _____.
- Unlike most cultures on earth, the civilization that began in China _____ years ago _____ there today.

2. The Geography of China

- _____ isolated ancient China
- East: The _____ Sea, _____ Sea, and _____ Ocean
- West: _____ Desert and 15,000 ft Plateau of _____
- Southwest: _____
- North: _____ Desert and _____ Plateau
- Mountain ranges and desert dominate _____ of China's landmass



g. River Systems



- _____ (_____ River) in the north
 - Deposits large amounts of yellowish silt called _____.
 - Loess is blown by winds from _____ into the river
- _____ (_____) in central China
 - Flows _____ from the Yellow Sea
 - At _____ miles long, it is the longest river in _____

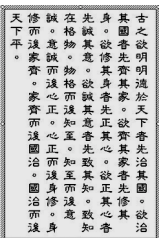
h. Environmental Challenges

- Disastrous _____ from the Huang He
 - _____ was _____ so settlers became self-dependent
 - Geography did NOT make _____ impossible
- Only _____ of China's land is suitable for farming
 - Most of farmable land is on _____ between Yellow River and Yangtze



3. The Development of Chinese Culture

- Fossils show that modern humans lived in SW China _____ million years ago
- According to legend, the first Chinese dynasty, _____, started about 2000 B.C.
- Chinese viewed everyone outside of their culture as _____
- Viewed themselves as _____ of _____ world
- Chinese name for China was _____
- _____ is central to Chinese society; respect for one's _____
- Women treated as _____



- h. Girls were arranged to be married between ____ and ____
- i. Religion: Spirits of _____ had power to bring _____; not seen as _____
- j. Use of _____ - priests scratch question on bones, apply hot poker, bone would split, interpret the _____
- k. No links between _____ and _____ language
- l. All parts of China learned the same system of _____ even if spoke different language thus _____ parts of China
- m. Needed to know _____ characters just to be considered literate; scholars knew _____ characters



4. Zhou and the Dynastic Cycle

- a. 1027 B.C. a people called the _____ overthrew the Shang, culturally similar
- b. Zhou believed in _____ or _____ approval to rule
- c. Mandate of Heaven became central to Chinese view of _____
- d. This helped explain the _____: a pattern of _____, decline, and replacement of _____ if the spirits did not approve of one king's _____
- e. The use of royal families controlling different regions was known as _____
- f. Zhou Dynasty innovated _____, coined _____, blast _____
- g. The Zhou were generally _____
- h. Later years of Zhou Dynasty known as _____ period due to weakened power of Zhou kings, attacking _____, and _____ lords

Result: The heart of Chinese culture, love of order, harmony, and _____ for authority, were _____ by chaos, arrogance, and defiance. The Qin Dynasty would bring new order to one of the _____ on earth.

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