

Chapter 11-Inner and East Asia, 400-1200
Intro and 11.1-The Sui and the Tang Empires, 581-755
Text pp. 281-288

1. Read the chapter introduction, identify THREE main ideas and then write a chapter thesis statement incorporating these main ideas into a cohesive statement.

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THESIS:

11.1-The Sui and Tang Empires, 581-755

A. Intro and Reunification under the Sui and Tang

1. Identify and explain REUNIFICATION under the Sui Dynasty. What practices continued from earlier empires and what new practices were adopted?

2. Why was the Grand canal built? Purpose and function? Location?

3. What contributed to the downfall of the Sui Dynasty?

4. Describe the rise of the Tang Dynasty. How did this rise represent the interaction of culture between central Asia and the Chinese? Give specific examples?

B. Buddhism and the Tang Empire

1. Identify and explain the **THREE** political uses of Buddhism during the Tang Dynasty.

2. Define and describe **Mahayana Buddhism**. (include at least 5 facts/characteristics)

3. Describe the spread of Buddhism during the Tang. Identify locations, peoples/ethnic groups, and HOW it moved from point A to point B. How does Buddhism connect to trade?

C. To Chang'an by Land and Sea

1. Describe the TRIBUTARY SYSTEM and explain how it functioned and Chang'an at its center.

2. Complete the following categories describing the Chang'an during the Tang.

Who lived in Chang'an?	Description of city life	Importance of Grand Canal and trade	Chinese innovations in sailing and trade

3. Describe the movement of the bubonic plague.

D. Trade and Cultural Exchange

1. Identify and describe the outside influences from CENTRAL ASIA, the ISLAMIC WORLD, and SOUTHEAST ASIA. Make sure to identify specific products, locations, and movement of goods. Label from where these products originated.

2. How did the above changes and exchanges reflect a new economic and trade relationships?

3. Identify THREE ways how China remained a source of superior skills compared to foreign competition.

E. pp. 286-287-Read the Diversity and Dominance-*Law and Society in Tang China* primary source and address the following questions.

1. What was the Tang law code and what was its foundational basis?
2. Identify and explain their main focus and purpose in Tang society. How do they reflect the concepts of Legalism and Confucianism?
3. Did the Confucian concern for family relations and social status manifested in the law code prevent injustice?
4. Does the law code appear more an expression of ideals and collection of past philosophical ideas than a practical guide to a just society?