

AP World History

Historical Themes in Classical Civilizations: East Asia

Name _____

Period _____

Directions: Write what you know about the following civilization by ordering the content into the following **AP World Historical Themes**. Stay within the time period 600 BCE – 600 CE. Refer to the historyhaven.com if you need to be reminded of the specific content of these 5 themes.

East Asia

THEME 1: INTERACTION BETWEEN HUMANS AND THE ENVIRONMENT:

THEME 2: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERACTION OF CULTURES:

THEME 3: STATE BUILDING, EXPANSION, AND CONFLICT:

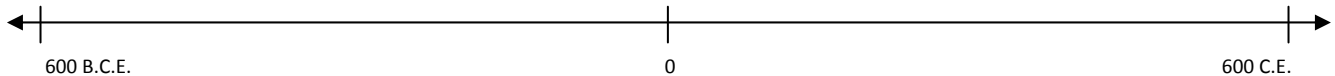
THEME 4: CREATION, EXPANSION, AND INTERACTION OF ECONOMIC SYSTEMS:

Example: *Agriculture continued to be the primary economic activity, but the large surpluses allowed for the rise of craftsmen and artisans. Silk production grew to be very important. Despite the fact that merchants did not have a prominent place in Chinese society, China became integrated with other civilizations on the Silk Road. The Gupta produced dyes for Chinese silks that were in high demand in the Roman Empire. Metallurgy and the production of paper were also important products. Debt, taxes, and failed harvests resulted in peasants losing much land to the upper classes. To solve this problem Wang Mang attempted a redistribution of land, but this was blocked by the aristocracy.*

THEME 5: DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIAL STRUCTURES:

Directions: Place the following key items on the timeline:

Zhou Dynasty	Wang Mang
Qin Dynasty	Han Wudi
Beginning of Han rule	End of Han rule



Directions: Label the approximate location of the following items on this map:

The Zhou

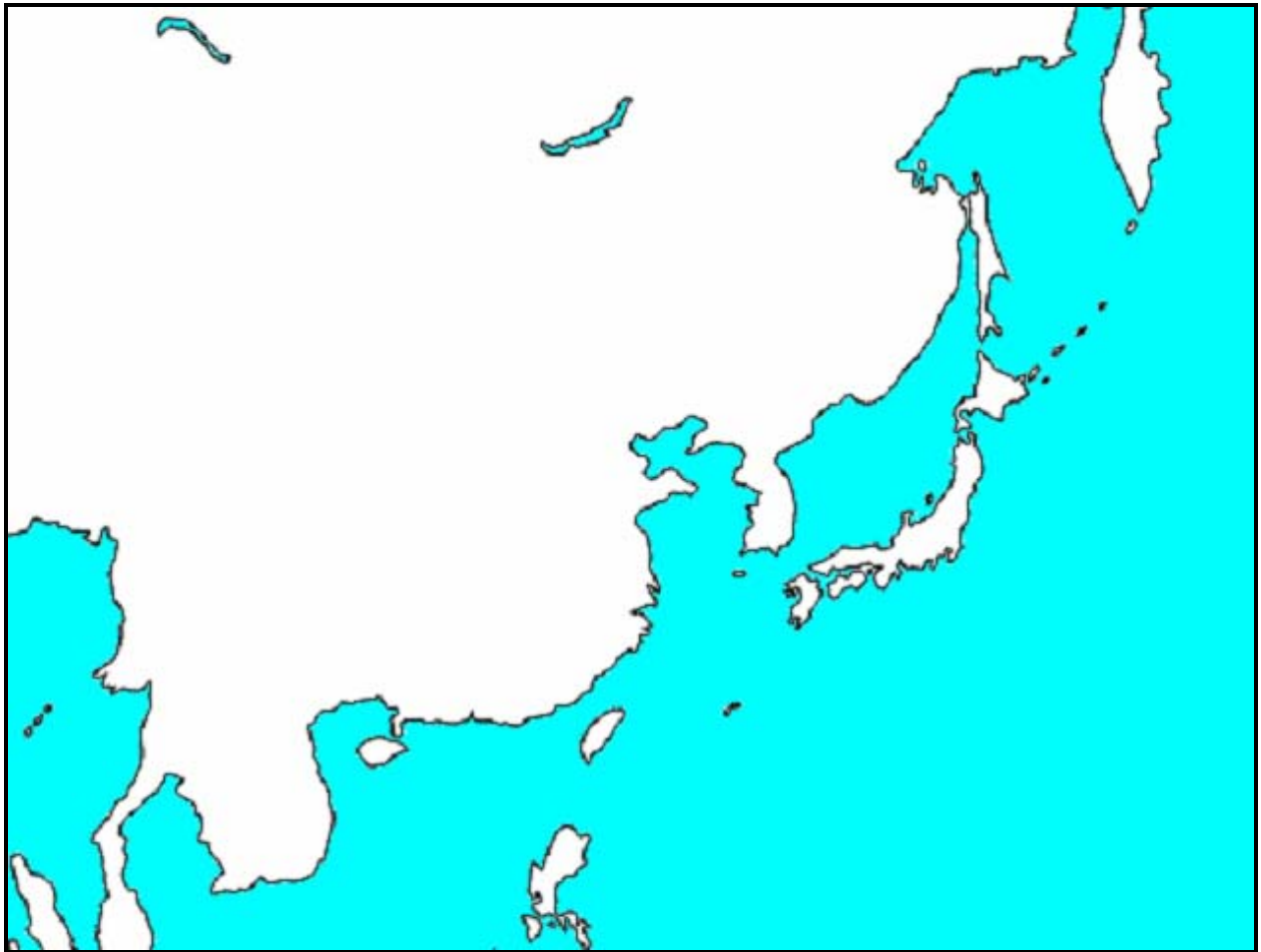
Xi'an (Chang'an)

Han Imperial expansion (use arrows)

The Han Dynasty

Xiongnu Confederacy

The Silk Roads (origin)



Thought Question: Explain how Chinese state-building was supported by official government support of a belief system. Why would Buddhism be considered a threat by the imperial government?