

THE DEVELOPMENT OF ASIAN SOCIETIES

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

1. Why did China undergo a period of disunity after the fall of the Han dynasty?
2. What were the major achievements of the Sui, Tang and Song Dynasties
3. What are the chief similarities and differences between a kingdom and an empire?
4. What factors gave nomadic Asiatic tribes a military advantage over the sedentary peoples the tribes encountered?
5. What elements of Islam contributed to its spread?
6. Why did certain elements of Islam run counter to Asian religious and philosophical traditions?
7. How were the Mongols able to create and sustain a massive Eurasian empire?
8. What factors led to the decline and fall of the Yuan Dynasty in China?
9. How has the geography of China, Korea and Japan influenced their cultures and daily lives?
10. How have the political, social, historical and economic developments of each country influenced relations between them?

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS:

- China suffered a collapse similar to the Roman Empire after the fall of the Han dynasty
- China enjoyed a golden age of arts and literature during the Sui, Tang and Song dynasties
- How Islam spread as a result of the Mongol Empire
- the importance of the Silk Road and how it impacted culture, trade, religion and history
- The Mongol Yuan dynasty succeeded in conquering and ruling over China using superior military power
- the historical developments that led to divisions and social distinctions of each nation
- The rise of the shogunate in Feudal Japan

