Genghis Khan's picture at the National Palace Museum in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

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To prepare for the unit test, you should be able to answer the questions below.

Chapter 12
Reunification and Renaissance in Chinese Civilization:
The Era of the Tang and Song Dynasties of China
Also identify the following:

A. Huanghe (or Huang Ho) River  
B. Changan  
C. Loyang  
D. Huangzhou  
E. Yangzi River  
F. Boundaries of Song Empire (p. 265)  
G. Korea  
H. Mongolia  

1. In what general direction to the two rivers you labeled above run?  
2. In what general direction does the Grand Canal run?  
3. Why was the Great Canal needed? (# 1 above gives you a hint.)
1. How long was the Era of Divisions, the time between the Han and Sui Dynasties?

2. How did the Sui rise to power and why did they collapse?

3. In what way was the rise of the Tang associated with the Confucian renaissance?

4. What accounts for the decline of the Tang dynasty?

5. What problems did religion cause during this period; how did the state resolve these problems?

6. Identify Neo-Confucianism, & how did it influence Chinese culture and the state?

7. In what way was the Song Empire weaker than the Tang?

8. What were the aspects of economic prosperity during the Tang-Sang era?

9. Describe family life and society during the Tang-Song era.

10. Discuss the status of women during the Tang-Song Era.

11. Why is the era referred to often as China’s “golden age”?

12. Who took over much of the Song Empire’s territory and reduced the Song to a “rump state” (meaning ‘a much smaller part of what used to be a larger country’) in southern China?
Chapter 13
The Spread of Chinese Civilization:
Japan, Korea, and Vietnam

1. Locate the following places on the map:
   Japan      Korea      Vietnam

2. Which of the satellite regions could be described as peninsular?

3. Which regions could be described as insular?

4. How does this help to explain the variations in dissemination of Chinese culture among the regions?
1. What led to the failure of the Taika reforms and what was the political result?

2. Describe court life during the Heian period.

3. Describe the nature of Japanese government between the Gumpei Wars and the Onin War.

4. What was the nature of Japanese society and economy during the period of the daimyos?

5. How was Sinification imposed on Korea and how did it affect the social development of the country?

6. What accounts for the cultural differences between Vietnamese and Chinese?

7. What was the nature of Vietnamese government after the expansion of the Chinese?

8. What were the common elements of Chinese culture passed to all three of the satellite civilizations?

9. How did Korea and Vietnam maintain political independence from China?

10. How was East Asian civilization different from other postclassical civilizations?
11. Use the chart above to compare and contrast feudalism in the West to Japanese feudalism. I’ve listed two common features but there are others.
Chapter 14
The Last Great Nomadic Challenges:
From Chinggis Khan to Timur

1. What was the nature of the military organization established by Chinggis Khan?

2. What was the nature of the administration of the Mongol Empire under Chinggis Khan?

3. How did Mongol rule allow religion and commerce to flourish?

4. What was the effect of the Mongol conquest on Russia and the Islamic Heartlands?

5. What was the effect of the Mongol conquest on Chinese society and political structure?

6. What were the positive aspects of the Mongol conquests?

7. How did the conquests of Timur-I-Lang contrast with those of the Mongols?
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VISUALIZING THE PAST: THE MONGOL EMPIRE AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN CIVILIZATIONS

8. Examine the map on page 314 AND page 321. What civilizations were on the frontiers (edges) of the Mongol Empire by 1290?

9. What role did the Mongol Empire play between those civilizations? (HINT: section title)

10. Look at the products being shipped EASTWARD and then compare them to the products shipping WESTWARD. How do those products compare to each other?

11. What ancient trade route did the Mongols protect and expand?

12. Tricky: closely compare the products on the northern East-West route (purple) to the southern East-West route (also purple). How are they different in general?

13. Who would you say benefitted the most from the expansion of the Mongol Empire, the East or the West and WHY?
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Identify
Who? What? Where? When?

1. Jinshi
2. Pureland Mahayna Buddhism
3. Chan (Zen) Buddhism
4. Sinified
5. Neo-Confucians
6. Junka
7. Flying money
8. Footbinding
9. Yang Guifei
10. Jurchens
11. Grand canal
12. Period of the Six Dynasties
13. Taika Reforms
14. Heian period
15. Kami
16. Bushi (Bushido)
17. Samurai
18. Seppuku
19. Bakufu
20. Shogun
21. Daimyos
22. Kowtow
23. Tale of Genji
24. Trung Sisters
25. Khan
26. Tumens
27. White Lotus Society
28. Kuriltai
29. Shamanistic
30. Romance of the West Chamber