India and China, 3000 B.C.–A.D. 500

TOPIC SUMMARY

Early civilizations in India and China developed social structures and governments to deal with their large populations. Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, Daoism, and Legalism affected the way of life of these civilizations. Trading relationships developed between India, China, and the Roman Empire as goods moved back and forth along the Silk Road and other trading routes.

Summarizing

Investigate:
- Buddhism
- Confucianism
- Daoism
- Legalism

Analyzing Causes

Rise
- Legalism
- Daoism
- Confucianism
- Buddhism

Two-Tab Book

- Rise
- Fall

Have students create a Two-Tab Book with one section labeled Rise and the other labeled Fall. Have students select one of the Chinese dynasties (Shang, Zhou, Qin, Han) to examine. Ask students to record the causes of the dynasty’s rise and fall, along with related facts that help explain those causes.

Materials Needed:
- one sheet of 8.5” x 11” paper and scissors

Layered-Look Book

Students should create a Layered-Look Book to help them investigate the religions of early India—Hinduism and Buddhism—and the philosophies of early China—Confucianism, Daoism, and Legalism. On each layer, students should summarize the history, principles, and beliefs of the religion or philosophy. Students should use information from the text and may do additional research to clarify points or add information to the Foldable.

Materials Needed:
- three sheets of 8.5” x 11” paper, stapler or glue

Organizing

Four-Tab Book

Students can create a Four-Tab Book to help them review important facts about either the Great Wall of China or the Silk Road. Students should read the text and conduct additional research about either the Silk Road or the Great Wall. Then they can organize the information by listing facts under the headings What, Where, When, and Why/How.

Materials Needed:
- one sheet of 8.5” x 11” paper and scissors