

Tang and Song Dynasties of China

- I. Tang
 - A. Dynasty emerges in 618
 - B. Land reform redistributes land to peasants
 - C. Corruption, high taxes, drought, famine and rebellions weaken dynasty
 - D. Rebel general overthrows the last Tang emperor in 907
- II. Song
 - A. Dynasty emerges in 960
 - B. Invaders are constantly threatening from Mongols of the north
 - C. New type of fast-growing rice imported from SE Asia
 - D. More people are able to pursue commerce and learning
 - E. Grand canal reaches its peak
 - F. Custom of footbinding emerges
 - G. Landscape painting show balance and harmony with nature
 - H. Mongoles take over Song and become the Ming Dynasty in 1200
- III. Similarities of Tang and Song
 - A. Periods of great achievement
 - B. Foreign trade flourishes
 - C. Buddhist themes influence sculpture and architecture
 - D. Porcelain is perfected
 - E. Women have higher status than later times in China