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**Unit 4 (China) Study Guide**

**Ch. 19 (Geography & Early Settlement)**

1. What does China have more of than any other country in the world today?
2. Deserts are harsh places to live. What specifically would happen in the Taklimakan desert that made travel almost impossible?
3. How did the Huang He river help famers?
4. What would make China hard to govern in later years?

**Ch. 20 (The Shang Dynasty)**

1. How did scholars prove that the Shang dynasty was real?
2. What religious purpose did turtle shells made into oracle bones provide?
3. What led archaeologists to conclude that the Shang believed in life after death?
4. What material made Shang weapons especially strong?
5. List 3 reasons why the Shang dynasty was eventually weakened.

**Ch. 23 (The Han Dynasty)**

1. What medical discovery about the human body did the Chinese make over a thousand years before Europeans?
2. Why did ancient Chinese healers use acupuncture on patients?
3. Out of the 3 Chinese philosophies we discussed, which one did the Han dynasty favor when governing their people?
4. What did citizens have to complete/pass in order to be a government official for the Han dynasty?
5. People during the Han dynasty invented a drill in order to retrieve salt from their land. How would this improve their wealth?
6. How did the Han military use a kite?
7. What did the Chinese write on before they invented paper?

**Ch. 24 (The Silk Road)**

1. What was the only culture that was able to make silk? Why were the Romans willing to pay such a high price?

1. Who was the trader from China that brought back western ideas from his travels?
2. Why did traders travel in caravans when traveling on the Silk Road?
3. What did Rome offer to trade the Chinese for silk?
4. Why did the Roman emperor eventually tell Romans not to wear silk?
5. What purpose did ancient sea ports such as Antioch have in the Silk Road?
6. What is cultural diffusion and what would be one example?