

Welcome students, our course title for today is history of Human Civilization Module 6 that is China.

The outcome for this topic is origin of Chinese civilization. Physical features of China, dynasties and rulers of Chinese Civilization.

The learning outcomes for this topic will be you will be familiar with the Chinese civilization. You'll know the features of China come to know different dynasties and their rulers.

Chinese significant civilization, among the oldest civilization, China is considered to be the oldest civilization which evolved in 1500 BC. It consists of three important rivers that is Yellow River in North, Yangtze River in South, and Pearl River. It is the world's most advanced civilization which lasted from 7th to 14th C.E

The achievements of Chinese in the field of art of writing is, they develop their own system of writing that is pictographic script was evolved. They used bamboo slips, silk cloth, Lenin paper as writing material and in 1st century Common Era, they invented paper and they began using paper. Calendar was one of the contribution of Chinese, which is lunisolar. In lunisolar calendar year consisted of 365 1/2 days and their day begins at midnight, an end at the midnight of the next day. These are some of the dynasties that ruled China like Shang Dynasty, Shao Dynasty, Qing Dynasty, Han Dynasty, Sui Dynasty, Ming Dynasty, Qing dynasty and so on.

Let us see the first dynasty that is Shang Dynasty which ruled from 1523 to 1027 BC. It was the first civilized Chinese society which existed during the Shang dynasty, and it lasted for almost 600 years, with 31 rulers ruling over for 17 generations. Bo which is present day caoxian was the capital of Tang. Shang dynasty they worshipped figure called Shang Ti or Lord on High.

Next dynasty we have is Zhou Dynasty which ruled from 1027 to 221 BCE it overthrew Shang Dynasty and led China into historical period. They also introduced a new system of authority which is also known as the Mandate of Heaven. They constructed canals, roads in order to import food San goods to the city. And they also banned human sacrifices.

Next we have is Qin dynasty which ruled from 221 to 106 B.C.E. Sorry, this dynasty existed during the Warring State period and also conquered other Warring states.

Under this dynasty, China was first unified. The Qin dynasty is also known as ch'in, probably where the name China originated, and they introduced a legalistic form of government.

Next we have is Han Dynasty which ruled from 206 to 220. C.E. Han Dynasty is considered to be the greatest in the history of

China, which reigned almost for 400 years. And Hans they expanded their empire beyond Vietnam and Korea. Along with this, they expanded their trade. In order to maintain peace, they adopted a system of tribute in order to keep peace with non-Chinese people.

Next we have is Sui Dynasty which ruled from 581 to 618 C.E in Sui Dynasty we see that unification of China was done. Block printing was introduced. Coins were standardized. Porcelain was very popular. And many grand canals were constructed.

Next we have is Tang Dynasty which ruled from 618 to 907 and Song Dynasty from 960 to 1279. These dynasties made the China the richest, powerful and most advanced country in the world. Silk trade was used. Agricultural expansion was done. They even imported rice from Vietnam. There were many technological innovations undertaken like that of printing gunpowder was introduced, compasses were introduced. They also made use of Algebra and zero.

Next we have is that of Ming Dynasty, which ruled from 1368 to 1644. It begins with the overthrow of Mongols in China in 1368 by a peasant's son Hongwu, who commanded the rebel army.

Ming dynasty ruled Mongolia and Central Asia and re-conquered Vietnam.

This dynasty is known for its effective governance where it introduced civil service examination and all the important officials were recruited who attend these services.

Next we have is Qing/Ching Dynasty which ruled from 1616 to 1911. This dynasty was founded by Manchu in 1660 and it soon ended with the foundation of Republic In China that is in 1911. In 1641, the Great invasion of Ming Dynasty was started and this dynasty came to an end.

As concluding China is the oldest civilization, it occupies a unique place in cultural development of the Far East. It's physical features gave her security aloofness and uniqueness it developed into a prosperous civilization.

These are some of the references you can refer to this.

Thank you.