China Review Sheet 2019

**Geography:**

**-China is separated from its neighbors to the North by the Gobi Desert.**

**- China’s northeastern and eastern sections receive more rain due to monsoons.**

**- The two main rivers flow from east to west because the mountain ranges run that direction.**

**Shang Dynasty:**

* **Chinese society changed under the Shang, social order became more organized.**
* **Social Structure:**
  + **Kings, nobles, artisans, farmers and slaves.**
* **Shang rulers moved the capital several times to avoid floods or attacks.**
* **The Shang were the first people in china to develop a writing system.**

**Zhou Dynasty:**

* **Lasted longer than any other dynasty**
* **Zhou kings were given the power to lead by the mandate of heaven.**
* **Zhou leaders would grant land in return for loyalty**
* **Zhou leaders eventually lost loyalty of the lords.**

**Confucius**

* **Influential teacher in China raised as a peasant.**
* **Wanted to restore family order and social harmony**
  + **Five basic relationships.**
* **Moral leadership not laws would bring order to china**
* **All his works are in a book called the analects.**

**Daoists**

* **Believed all people should live in harmony with nature.**
* **Most famous teacher was Laozi, taught people should not try to gain wealth.**

**Legalists**

* **Believed everyone was basically bad**
* **Everyone Needed to be controlled**

**Qin Dynasty**

* **First emperor was a legalist**
* **Emperor Shi Huangdi did not share power with the lords.**
* **Divide china into districts, each with its own governor.**
* **Started construction of the Great wall of China**

**Han Dynasty**

* **Liu Bang first peasant to become an emperor**
* **Earned the peoples trust especially soldiers and peasants.**
* **Emperor Wudi took power, and made Confucianism the official government policy.**
* **Wudi also made peasants higher ranking in the social class.**
* **Silk Road a major trade route through China ended at the Mediterranean Sea.**