

Chapter 8: The Unification of China

New Religions & Philosophies

1. How did the Warring States period help lead to new religions and philosophies?

Confucianism

2. How do we know the teachings of Confucius?
3. What are the core beliefs of Confucian philosophy? What behaviors come as a result of these beliefs?

Daoism (a.k.a. Taoism)

4. What are the core beliefs of Daoism? What behaviors come as a result of these beliefs?
5. Why was Daoism embraced by many Chinese rulers?
6. Describe Daoist architecture.

Legalism

7. Legalists believe in...
8. How do legalists view matters of ethics/morality?
9. How did the legalists attempt to strengthen the state?

The Qin Dynasty

10. Who was Qin Shihuangdi?
11. How did Shihuangdi ensure he could retain this control?
12. How did the Qin dynasty end?

The Han Dynasty

13. What is a frontier? What problem(s) did the Chinese face on their frontier?
14. How did Han Wudi, the expansionist, build the bureaucracy he needed for his centralized rule?
15. What does it mean that Han Wudi “nationalized” iron working? How did nationalizing iron working help Han Wudi?
16. How did Wudi deal with the Xiongnu?