

## Chapter 2: Classical Civilizations: China

### Short Answer Questions

Answer the following short answer questions based on the reading in the space provided.

1. How do Chinese people today view history? How is that different to the Western view? Why do they think that way?

2. How did the Zhou contribute to the development of Chinese politics and culture? What impact did Shi Huangdi leave on Chinese history?

3. Why was the Qin Dynasty unpopular with the people? What achievements and legacies did the dynasty leave?

4. How did the Han rise up to such prosperity and then decline? What were they known for?

5. Why is it “no accident” that the Chinese bureaucracy lasted from the Han period until the 20<sup>th</sup> century?

6. What were the teachings of Confucius and how did it link to the political structure and culture of China?

7. How did Daoism fill a void in China that Confucianism and Legalism could not fill? What is the major teaching of Daoism?

8. How did the literature, art, and science reflect the time period of the three dynasties and the religious aspects within China?

9. From page 53, How do you think most women reared in a patriarchal society would react to their conditions? What might cause differences in women's conditions in patriarchal societies, or from one society to another? Why were the upper class women often considered more inferior to men than lower-class women?

10. What technological advancements did the Chinese make during this time period?