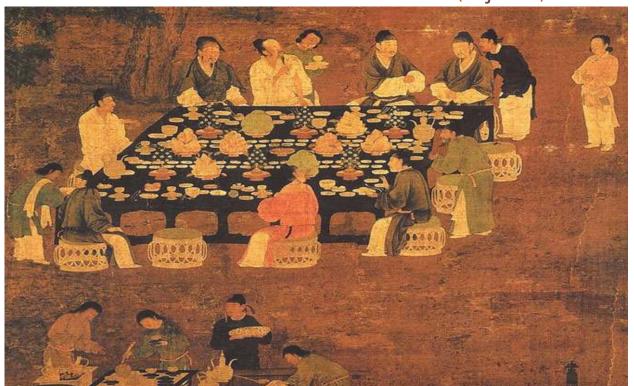


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• Main Idea (Objective):







• The Tang Dynasty strengthened China's economy by supporting farming and trade.

• Lecture Focus (Essential Question)







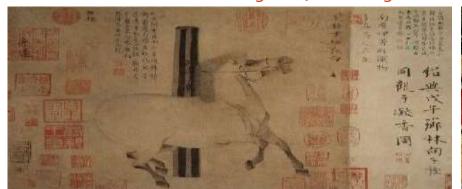
• Do you know anyone who drinks tea or wears silk clothing? Both of these items were first produced in China...Lets see how farming changed under the Tang Dynasty.

• When the Han Dynasty in China collapsed in the 200's C.E., it was a disaster for China's economy.



• As fighting began, cities were damaged and farms were burned all throughout China.

A Growing Economy • Artisans made fewer goods, farmers grew fewer crops and merchants had less items to trade.









• Under the Tang Dynasty, these problems were completely resolved.

• When the Tang rulers took power in 618 C.E., they brought peace to the countryside and gave more land to farmers to care for.



• As a result, farmers were able to make many advances.

• They improved irrigation and introduced new ways of growing their crops.







• Farmers also developed new kinds of rice, which grew well in poor soil, produced more per acre, grew faster and were resistant to disease.

• These changes helped farmers grow more and more rice.









• China's farmers also began to grow tea, which became a really popular drink.



• They made improvements in other crops as well...and with more food available, the number of people in China greatly increased.

- At the same time, more people moved southward, where rice grew abundantly in the Chang Jiang Valley.
 - This lead to the rise of new Cities.







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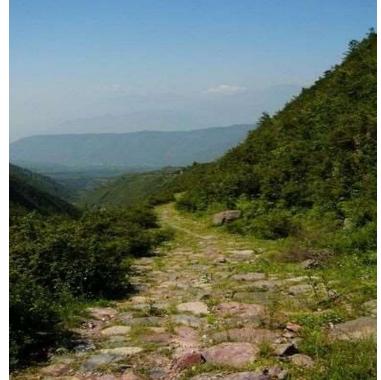
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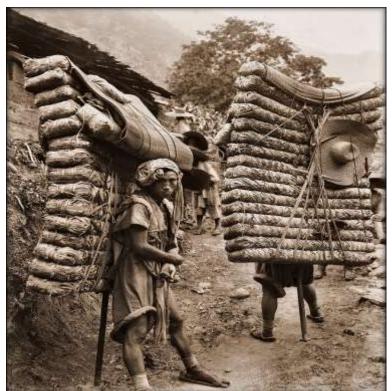
• Tang rulers also had new and improved roads and waterways constructed.





• These changes allowed people to travel within and outside China much easier.

• One of these roads was the **Tea Horse Road** which was a network of caravan paths winding through the mountains of Southwest China.







It is also sometimes referred to as the Southern Silk Road.





• Chinese merchants were able to increase trade with new cultures and people that were located all over Asia including Western China and India.







• The Silk Road, now under the Tang control, once again bustled with activity.

• One of the items traded by the Chinese was Silk Fabrics.





• This product gave the roads its name and was popular in markets to the west of China.

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• Remember **silk** is unique to China and areas like the continent of Europe desired this product substantially!





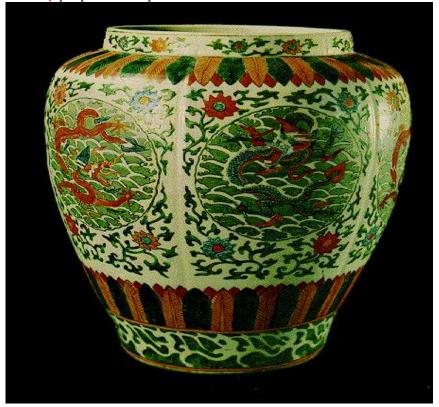


• What was the common fabric in Ancient Europe?

• In addition, China traded tea, steel, paper and porcelain.







• Porcelain – is made of fine clay and baked in extremely high temperatures











• The so-called Peace Wall of the Porcelain House is decorated with over 600 ancient Chinese porcelain vases



• In return for silk, countries traded China products such as gold, silver, precious stones, jade and fine woods.









• In addition, the Tang opened new ports along China's coast to boost trade!









• Many of these ports are still open today!

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Connecting to the Past:

 Answer the following question in an open ended, one paragraph response.

 Why do you think silk is still expensive today?





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Reading Check:

• Answer the following question in an open ended, one paragraph response.

 Cause and Effect: How did the new kinds of rice developed under the Tang Dynasty help its population grow?