

Please glue all your Chinese worksheets in your Chinese book so you can show me your lovely work when we are back at school. You can also do it in Google Classroom and submit it online.

Have fun with this week's activities. Try to finish this by Thursday.

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First check your answers in last Week's activities.

Do you agree Han dynasty is a golden era in Chinese history? Why?

Yes, I agree Han dynasty is a golden era in Chinese history. (list the achievements in the dynasty and highlight that the Chinese language is called Han yu).

L.I.: History of China 中国历史

S.C.: - I can name the other one of the two most prosperous dynasties in Chinese history.

- I can explain why this dynasty is also considered part of the Golden Era.

After the very prosperous Han dynasty, China sadly was at war again. It is the Three Kingdom period made famous by the many dramas and movies and in particular the electronic game. The Chinese people had to wait for another 400 years for China to enter into another prosperous era.

(7) Three Kingdoms ^{sānguó} 三国: 220-280

1. The three kingdoms ^{wèi} 魏, ^{shǔ} 蜀, ^{wú} 吴 were always at battle with each other, leading to the fall in population and destruction of the economy.

2. ^{sānguóyǎnyì} 三国演义 is a world famous historical novel and one of the Four Great Chinese Novels 中国四大名著。

(8) Wei-Jin Dynasty ^{wèijìnnánběicháo} 魏晋南北朝: 220-589

1. This was a period of constant war and China was divided into many small countries 十六国.

2. There was also constant invasion from the tribes outside China ^{wǔhúlànghuá} 五胡乱华

(9) Sui Dynasty ^{suícháo} 隋朝: 581-618


Although it lasted only 37 years, it was regarded as an important era because of the constructions.

1. Building of the Grand Canals ^{dàyùnhé} 大运河 (Chang Jiang ^{chángjiāng} 长江, the longest river in China now). Four canals were built to join existing rivers and improve transportation between the north and the south.
2. Rebuilding the Great Wall ^{xiū chángchéng} 修长城 .
3. Digging tunnel ^{záo suìdào} 凿隧道 through the big mountains to improve transport.

(10) Tang Dynasty ^{táng} 唐朝: 618 - 907

Tang and Han dynasties are referred to as the Golden Age in Chinese history. Chinese people refer to themselves as ^{táng rén} 唐人 and ^{hàn rén} 汉人 and Chinatown is known as ^{táng rén jiē} 唐人街 (Chinese street) .

1. China's boundary expanded to include Vietnam ^{yuè nán} 越南, Korea ^{hán guó} 韩国, Mongolia ^{móng gǔ} 蒙古 and Afghanistan ^{ā fù hàn} 阿富汗.
2. First female emperor ^{wǔ zé tiān} 武则天 ruled China for over 20 years.
3. The Imperial Civil examinations ^{kē jǔ} 科举 were set up to recruit outstanding men to be government officials, also known as the Mandarins ^{guān} 官 .
4. The start of paper money being used and the banking system that allowed traders to deposit and withdraw money from different places in China.
5. Inspired by engraved name seals, fixed-type engraved printing or block printing ^{mù bǎn yìn shuā} 木版印刷 was invented.
6. Gunpowder ^{huǒ yào} 火药 was invented accidentally by alchemists while attempting to make an elixir of immortality. At the end of the Tang Dynasty, gunpowder was being used in military affairs.
7. Poetry ^{shī} 诗 and novels were popular. ^{lǐ bái} 李白 and ^{dù fǔ} 杜甫 were the two greatest poets then.
8. Chinese culture spread to Korea ^{hán guó} 韩国 and Japan ^{rì běn} 日本.
9. Buddhism ^{fó jiào} 佛教 was the national religion. ^{xuán zàng} 玄奘, also known as ^{táng sān zàng} 唐三藏 was sent by the king to go to India to bring back the Buddhist books. His journey lasted for 18 years and inspired the famous Chinese Classic 'Journey to the West' ^{xī yóu jì} 西游记 with the fictional character Monkey King.
10. Islam ^{yī sī lán jiào} 伊斯兰教 started in China as a result of trade along the Silk Road.

 Compared with Han Dynasty ^{hàn cháo} 汉朝, which dynasty do you consider more prosperous? Why?

Thank you for trying 谢谢.