Han Dynasty Notes
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Years: 206 BCE – 220 CE

Conquered

Golden Age of ancient China \(\rightarrow\) Peace + Prosperity = Achievements

Qin

Accomplishments

1. Brought back

   - Confucianism (Confucius’ ideas)
   - Scholars

Books about

- Medicine
- Math
- Poetry
- 1st complete history of China
- 1st Chinese dictionary
2. Government

**Legalism**

- Strong ruler & Strict laws

**Confucianism**

- Good Example

= **Balanced Government**

- Men had to pass civil service exams that were **VERY** long & hard in order to earn government jobs

3. Inventions

- **Iron plow & Swords**: very strong!
- **Kites**: used by military to send messages
- **Chain pump**: raised water to fields from lower rivers
- **Wheel barrow**: easier to carry heavy loads
- **Paper**: cheaper than silk, easier to use than bamboo strips
- **Medicine**: acupuncture & figured out circulation system
- **Earthquake Detector**: able to send help right away
- **Magnetic Compass**: made trade & exploration safer
- **Porcelain**: beautiful & hard ceramic plates, vases & statues

4. Sent explorations and encouraged trade on the

**Silk Road** 4,000+ miles → traded goods & ideas with the west

5. Expanded the empire to include

**Korea & Vietnam**