

# Ancient China: Unit Overview

## Essential Questions

- How does the outcome of war influence the culture of the victor and the loser of the conflict?
- How does geographic isolation influence the development of culture?
- How does international trade influence the development of civilizations and the quality of individuals' lives?
- How are the rights of citizens and political leaders influenced by religious and cultural beliefs?
- How do religions both inform and reflect cultural beliefs?
- How does technology equal change?

- I totally get it
- I kinda get it
- I don't get it

### Books, Videos, & Movies to Dig Into

- Mulan* (movie, 1998)
- The Legend of Mu Lan: A Heroine of Ancient China* (book)
- You Wouldn't Want to Work on the Great Wall of China!* (book)
- The Great Wall* (movie with parent consent PG-13, 2017)

### We learn about this because it helps us understand...

- Invasions, conquests, and migrations affected various civilizations, societies and regions (e.g., Mongol invasion, The Crusades, the Peopling of the Americas and Alexander the Great).
- Innovations and/or technology transformed civilizations, societies and regions over time (e.g., agricultural technology, weaponry, transportation and communication).
- The physical features and human characteristics of a place influenced the development of civilizations, societies and regions (e.g., location near rivers and natural barriers, trading practices and spread of culture).
- To compare the requirements for (e.g., age, gender and status) and responsibilities of (e.g., paying taxes and military service) citizenship under various governments.
- Quality of life is impacted by economic choices of civilizations, societies and regions.
- Religion transformed various societies, civilizations and regions (e.g., beliefs, practices and spread of Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism).

### Vocabulary to Master

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<input type="checkbox"/> Confucianism	<input type="checkbox"/> Legalism	<input type="checkbox"/> Daoism	
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# Ancient and Pre-Colonial South Asia (India): Unit Overview

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