Study Guide: Chapter 22-24

Chapter 22: The First Emperor of China

Aspects of Qin Shihuangdi’s Rule:

- Unified system of laws
- Divided territory into 36 districts
  - Three government officials (army, laws, agriculture)
- Standardized money
- Simplified the writing system
- Protection (great wall)

Vocabulary:

standardize: to make the same

exile: to force away from one’s native land

immortal: to live forever

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Chapter 23: The Han Dynasty

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Vocabulary:

bureaucracy: type of government which is structured like a pyramid, with few people at the top, and most people at the bottom

calligraphy: the art of fine handwriting

seismograph: an instrument which detects earthquakes

compass: an instrument which determines direction

anesthetic: something which relieves pain

NOTES:
Chapter 24: The Silk Road

What is the Silk Road? Why is it a significant part of ancient history?

The Silk Road is a major group of trade routes that connects the middle east, asia, central asia and Europe. It is significant because it not only encouraged the movement of people from place to place, but also their goods for trade, beliefs, ideas, customs, diseases, recipes, and religion.

What is cultural diffusion?

Cultural diffusion is the spreading of ideas and customs and the movement of all of those aspects of life from one geographic location to another. For example, cultural diffusion allowed Romans to purchase silk from China, to have spices from the middle east, and artwork from central Asia.

Vocabulary:

caravan: group of people traveling together for mutual protection, often with pack animals such as camels

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