#### 1 World History I

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# 2 Chinese Empire:

# Qin Dynasty (221-206 BCE)

- Shi Huangdi
- Freed peasants
- Legalist philosophy
- Public works
  - Great Wall of China
  - Roads
  - Canals.
- 3 Chinese Empire:

## Qin Dynasty (221-206 BCE)

- Istandardization
  - copper coin (with square hole)
  - Measurements
  - writing system
  - -gauge of cart wheel

## 4 Chinese Empire: Qin Dynasty (221-206 BCE)

- Heavy labor burden
- Harsh penalties
- Persecution of philosophers
- Burned books
  - (except medicine, agriculture, and divination)
- Persecuted shi class.

#### 5 Chinese Empire:

# Qin Dynasty (221-206 BCE)

- Fall of the Qin
  - Son of Shi Huangdi
  - Discontent of many groups
    - Shi
    - Old nobility
    - · Peasants (forced work duty; severe punishments)
  - Liu Bang (minor official) led rebellion.

#### 6 Chinese Empire:

- Han Dynasty (206 BCE-220 CE)
- Restored Chinese traditions
- Confucianism as philosophy of government
- Civil service exams
- Expansion of territory
- Growth of population and trade.



## Chinese Empire

- Problems of the Han Dynasty
  - Palace intrigues

- Nomadic tribes from the steppes (Xiongnu)
- Secret societies: Red Eyebrows.

#### 9 After the Han

- Three Kingdoms (220-280 CE)
  Six Dynasties (222-589 CE)
- North and South Dynasties (317-589)
- Sui Dynasty (589-618).