



Two Golden Ages of China

The Tang and Song Dynasties

Chapter 12 Section 1

Lesson Objectives

161. Describe the rise of the Tang Dynasty. (20)

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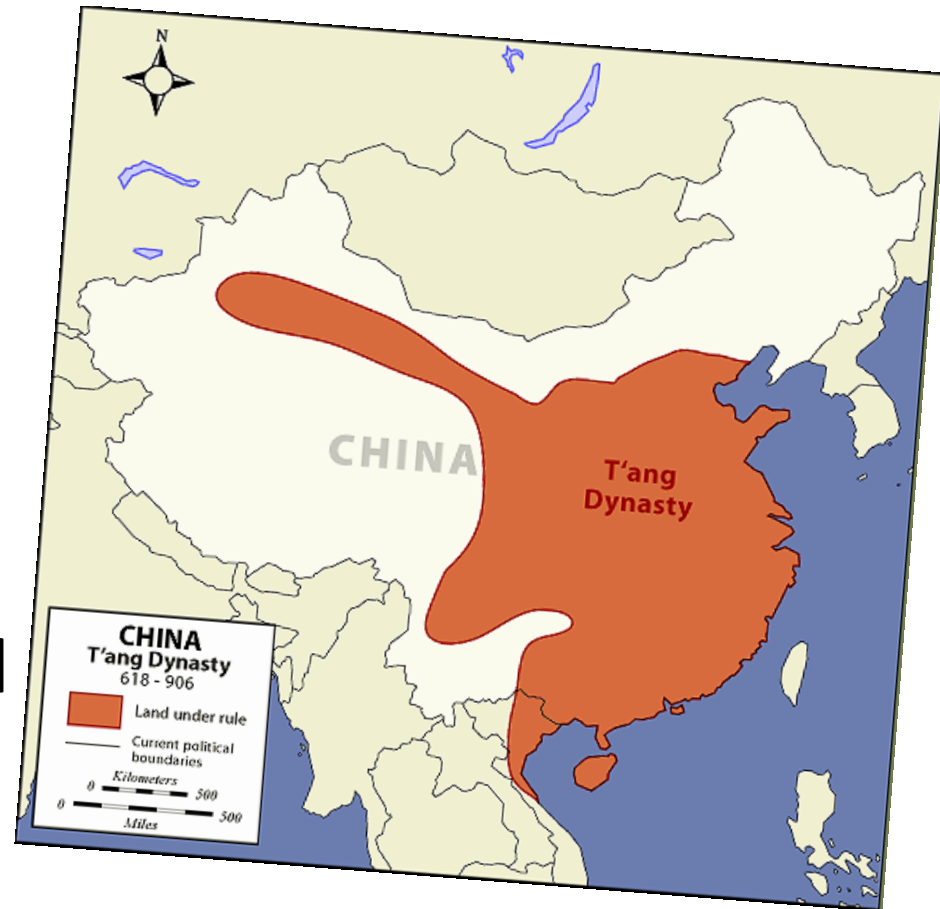
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161. Describe the rise of the Tang Dynasty.

The Tang Dynasty Reunifies China

- After the Han Dynasty collapsed in A.D. 220 China broke apart and remained divided for over 400 years.
- The Tang Dynasty emerged in A.D. 618 and reunified China under one ruler.



The Tang Build an Empire



- **Tang Taizhong** became China's most admired emperor.
 - Brilliant general
 - Gov't reformer
 - Scholar
- Later rulers expanded empire and controlled many neighboring **tributary** states.
 - Vietnam, Korea, Tibet

The Gov't and the Economy Grow

- Rulers rebuilt the bureaucracy and expanded the civil service exams established in the Han dynasty.
- **Land Reform-** rulers took land from powerful nobles and redistributed it to the peasants.



The Tang Dynasty Declines



- Lost lands to Arabs
- Corruption in Gov't
- High Taxes
- Drought
- Famines
- Rebellions
- In 907 a rebel general defeated the Tang Dynasty.

162. Describe the rise of the Song Dynasty.

The Song Dynasty

- Lasted for 319 years.
- Did not control as much land as the Tang Dynasty.
- Were constantly attacked by people from the North (**Mongols**).
- Chinese culture dominated East Asia.



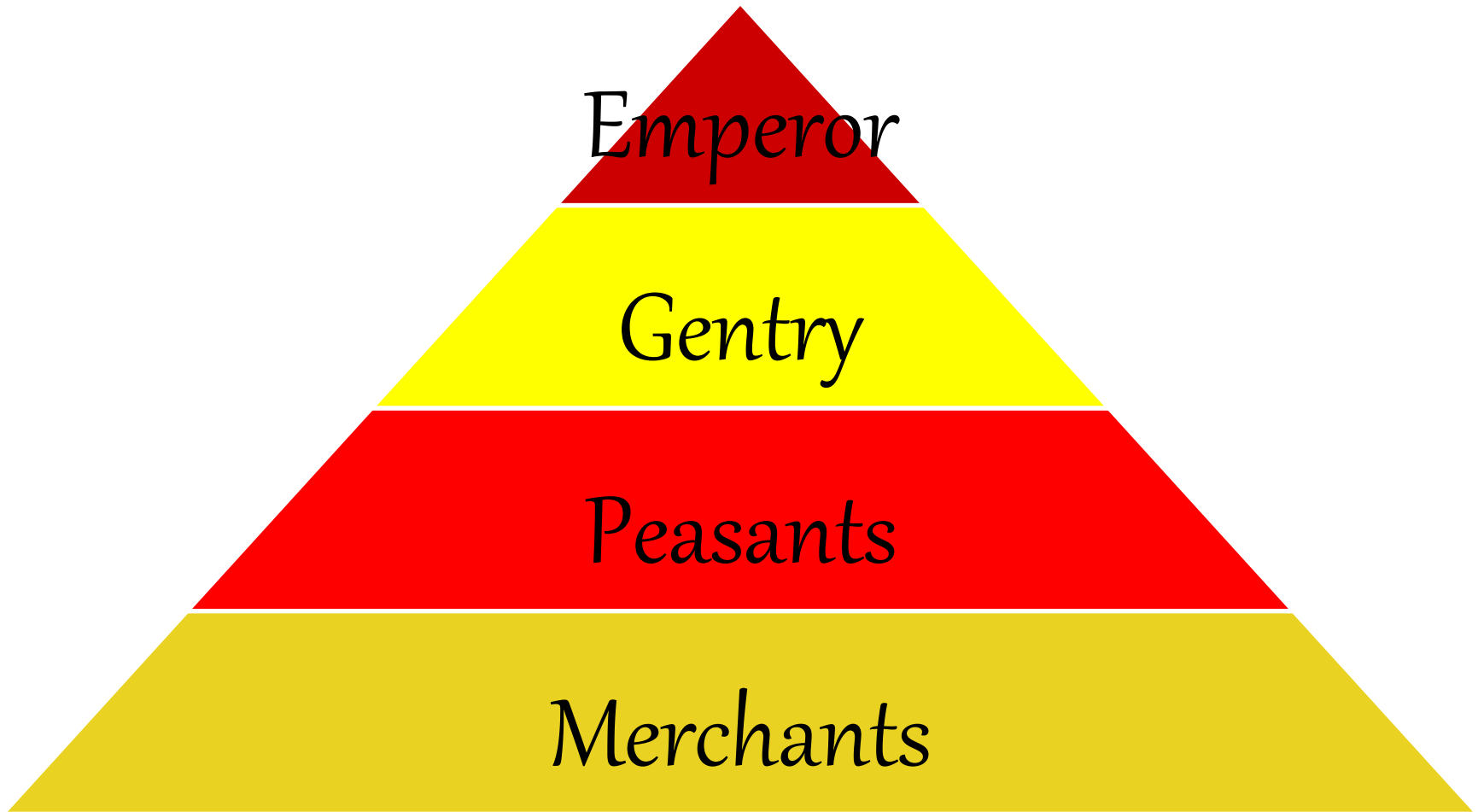
Song Economy Thrives

- Improvements in farming methods.
- **Open border policy** of trade.
 - Merchants from India, Persia, Asia, even East Africa (Zimbabwe).
- Use of canal system to ship goods.
- Government issued paper money.



163. Explain the order of China's society.

China's Ordered Society



164. Describe the role of women in China.

Status of Women

- Women ran family affairs.
- Families valued boys more than girls.
- When women married they became part of the husband's family.
- Women could never remarry.
- Women of the gentry class endured **foot binding**.

Foot Binding in China

