

Ch. 8A and 8B Recap: Continuities and Changes in China

Identify and explain the continuities and changes in China from the Classical Era (the Sui Dynasty) to the Post-Classical Period (the Tang and Song Dynasties).

Sui Dynasty (~581 – 618 CE)	Tang Dynasty (681 – 907 CE)	Song Dynasty (960 – 1279 CE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of the Great Canal begins • Repairs and additions to the Great Wall • Government schools for Civil Service Exam training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of Civil Service Exam System • Division of state departments or ministries • Capital moved to Chang'an • Introduction of Buddhism but repressed by 845 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unified northern and southern China • Capitals in Kaifeng(north) and Hangzhou (south) • Monetization and commercialization of economy • Technological advancement

CONTINUITIES		CHANGES
<p>POLITICAL</p> <p>☺ existence of a strong, centralized government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ex. Dynastic rule under the authority of the “mandate of heaven” ○ Ex. Emperor as the head of the Chinese state ○ Ex. Division of government into ministries or departments = Bureaucracy ○ Ex. Exam system (tests) to get government jobs or appointments 		<p>TECHNOLOGY AND INOVATION</p> <p>Δ More advanced and efficient</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ex. Canals, waterways, boats = Transportation ○ Ex. Gunpowder = military conquest and defense ○ Ex. Printing with moveable type = record keeping and spread of knowledge
<p>SOCIAL</p> <p>☺ reinforcement of class and gender hierarchies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ex. Confucianism’s emphasis on family structure and “filial piety” kept social order ○ Ex. The practice of foot binding kept women in a position of subservience, maintaining the “patriarchy” in China 		<p>ECONOMIC</p> <p>Δ Increasingly profitable trade and commercialism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ex. Flying Money = forms of credit and banking ○ Ex. Abacus = financial records and mathematic calculation
<p>CULTURAL</p> <p>☺ strong belief in religious ideology and authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ex. Confucianism remains the dominant belief system 		