

# Warm Up

## The Warring States of China c. 260 BCE



The warring states period in China lasted from 475 when the Zhou Dynasty was divided until 221

1. What were the 7 major states fighting for dominance in China?

2. What advantages did the Qin state have?



# Let's Review...

- We discussed the Yellow River Civilizations
- Shang Dynasty-
  - along the Huang He (Yellow) River
  - Very isolated
  - Yin & Yang
  - Calligraphy Writing
  - developed silk

# Zhou Dynasty

- Followed Mandate of Heaven- king needed to rule according to proper “Dao” (way) & please the gods
- filial piety- responsibility of family to put male leaders of the family first
- Civil war broke out and the Zhou kingdom was divided

# Zhou Feudalism

- Zhou kings spread their rule over China through a system called Feudalism.
- Rich Nobles owned farmland that was worked by peasants
- Peasants paid the Nobles to use their land
- Nobles paid the king a portion of what the peasants produced
- Nobles promised to send the king soldiers in times of war
- King granted complete control over land, so the noble was like a king on his land.
- Noble's land consisted of a walled town with surrounding farms



武皇帝劉秀

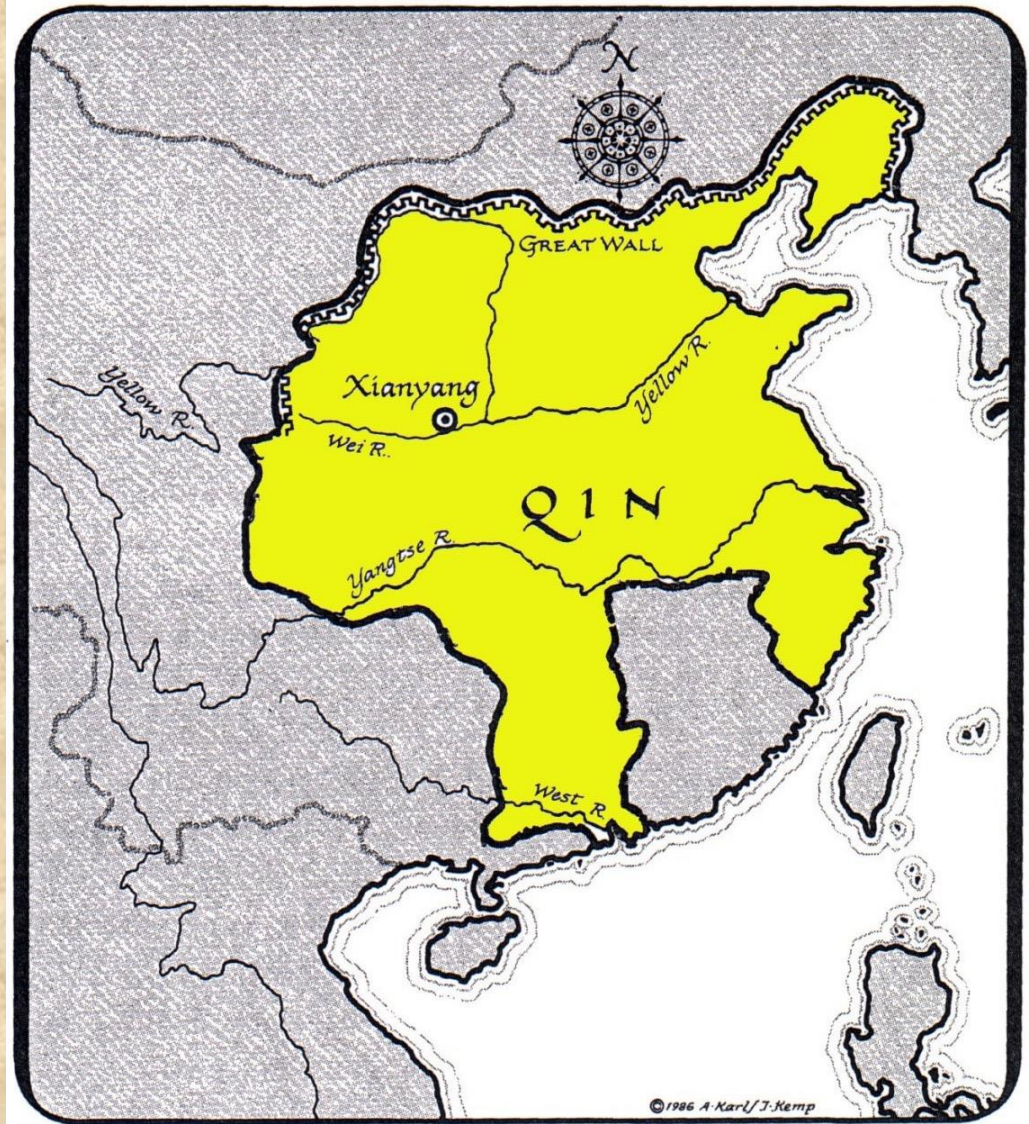
# THE QIN AND HAN DYNASTIES

221 BCE-220 CE



# The Extent of the Qin

(221 BCE-207 BCE)



*Qin Dynasty Empire (221-207 B.C.)*

Emperor Qin  
Shihuangdi



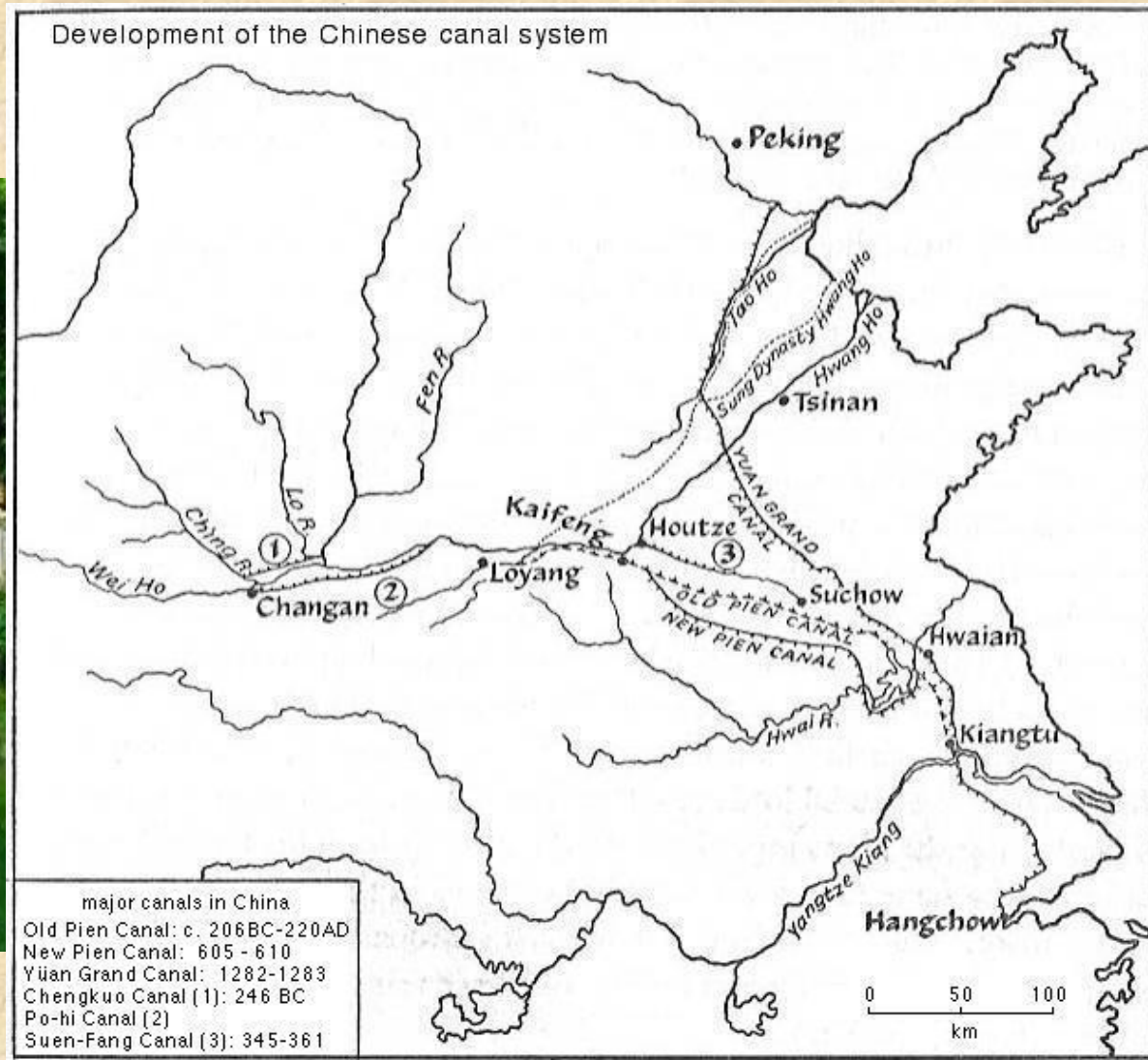
# China under the Qin Dynasty

- ☯ Qin Shihuangdi establishes an autocracy, a government with unlimited power
- ☯ Moves nobles to the capital...why? Paranoid!
- ☯ *Legalism- strong leaders are needed because people are evil by nature*
- ☯ ***Positive Contributions....***





# Built canals & expanded trade



Set -standard law



-Written language

-weights/measuremen

-currency

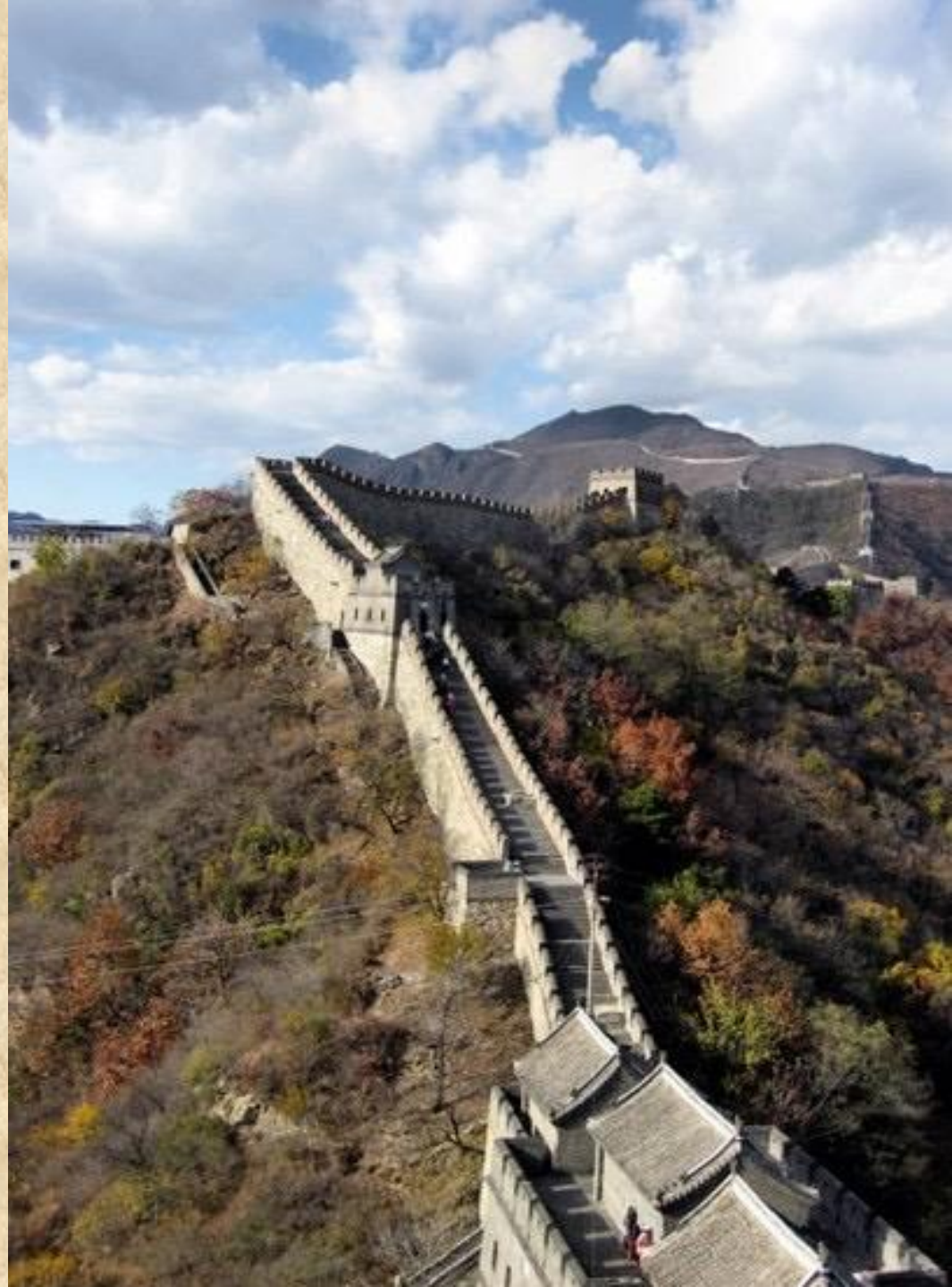


# Built highways



# The Great Wall

- ☯ Designed to keep out northern invaders (Huns)
- ☯ Workers ordered to extend the wall cover nearly the entire northern border
- ☯ Forced labor and high taxes for the wall's construction made Qin Shihuangdi very unpopular













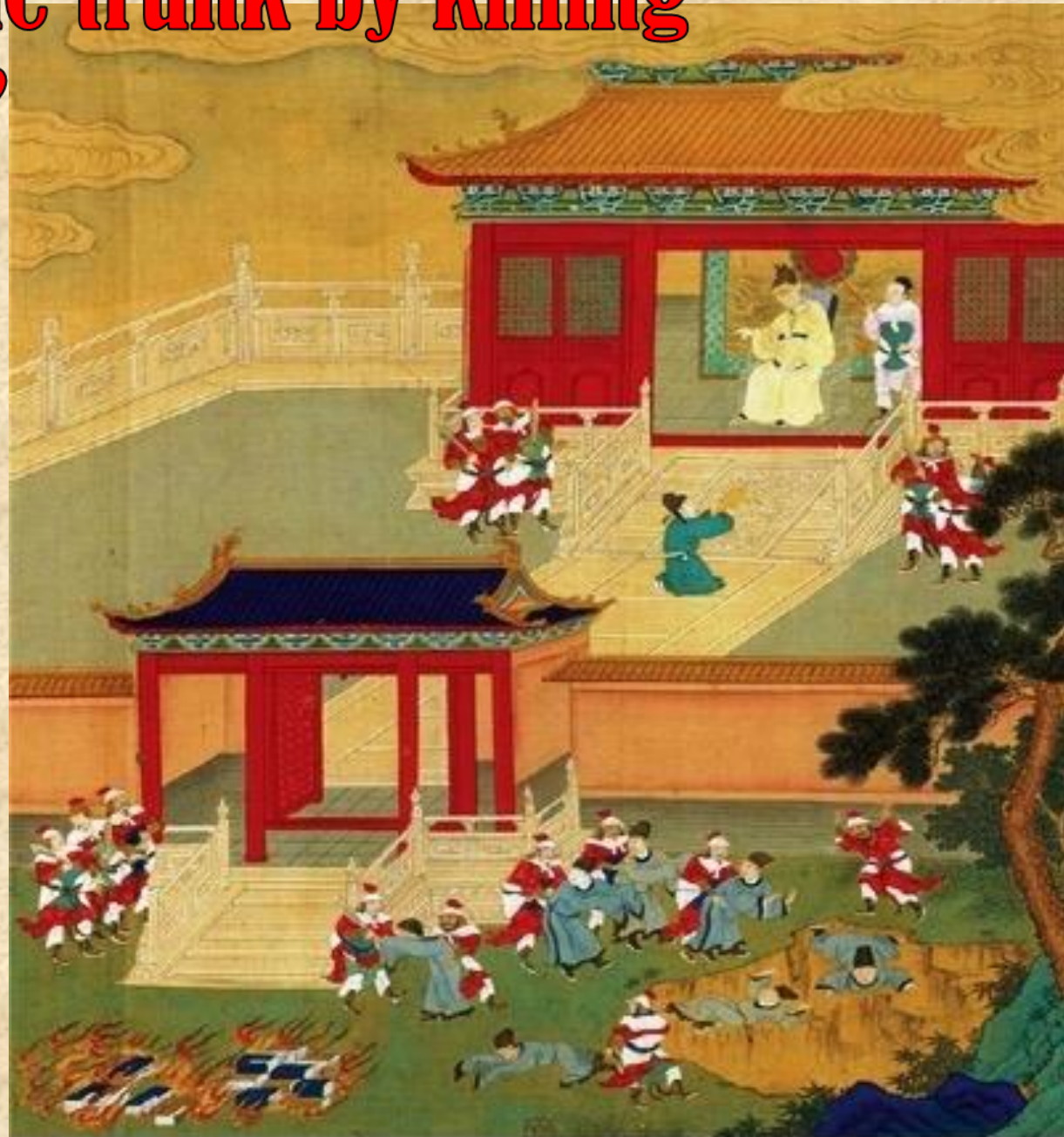


# Drove out invaders & UNITED CHINA!



# “Strengthen the trunk by killing the branches.”

- ☯ Jailed, tortured and killed all critics
- ☯ Burned all books of Confucian thinkers or any critics of Legalism
- ☯ Buried Confucian scholars alive



# The Terracotta Army

- ☯ **Qin Shihuangdi had a massive collection of over 8,000 life-size terracotta soldiers, chariots, and horses built**
- ☯ **The army was intended to protect the emperor after his death.**
- ☯ **Not discovered until 1974**









# Emperor Qin's Tomb





The image is a title card for the movie "Indiana Jones and the Emperor's Tomb". It features a dark, atmospheric scene from the film. In the foreground, Indiana Jones, wearing his signature fedora and a dark jacket, is walking towards the left. Behind him, another character is visible. The background is a dimly lit, ancient-looking interior with many vertical wooden poles or beams. The title "INDIANA JONES" is written in a large, stylized, yellow-to-orange gradient font with a black outline, slanted upwards. Below it, "AND THE" is in a smaller, plain font, and "EMPEROR'S TOMB" is in a larger, yellow-to-orange gradient font with a black outline, also slanted upwards.

**INDIANA JONES**  
AND THE  
**EMPEROR'S TOMB**



# Government Changes

- The Qin Dynasty had 3 groups to help rule
  - 1. Civil Division
  - 2. Military Division
  - 3. Censorate- inspectors checking on government officials (censors)

# Many Emperors Relied on Eunuchs

- Eunuchs: Men who have been castrated (removal of genitals) to either serve in the Imperial service
- Emperor Qin used them to do slave labor on projects (like Terracotta Army)
- Since they could not have children, they would not try to take control
- Also, they sometimes guarded the imperial women
- Note: The use of Eunuchs lasted until 1912. The last Imperial Eunuch died in 1992



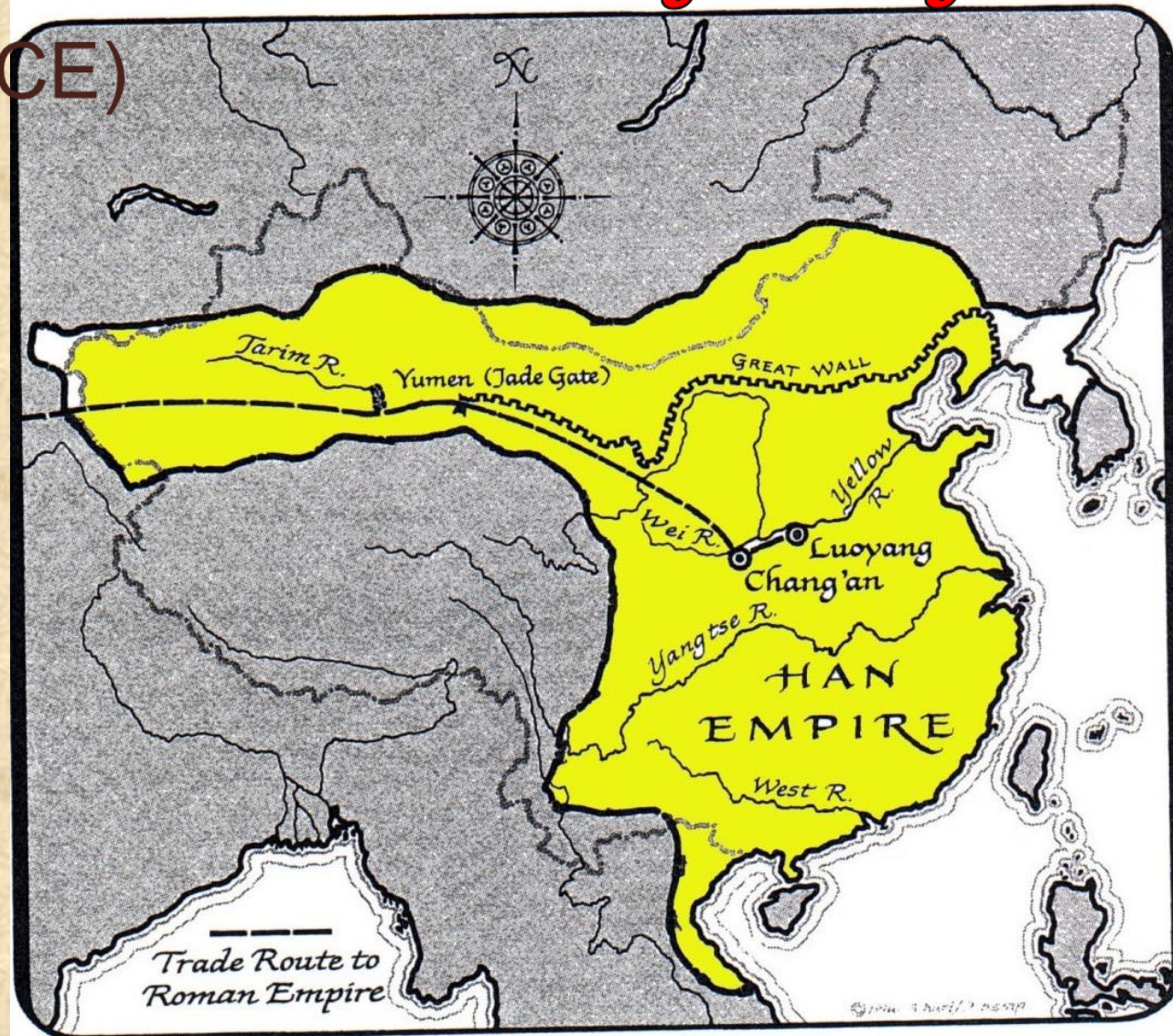
# Fall of the Qin



- ☯ The 2<sup>nd</sup> emperor was weak and had many squabbling advisors
- ☯ Revolt broke out
- ☯ By 206 BCE, the harsh rule of the Qin Dynasty was replaced by the Han

# The Extent of the Han Dynasty

(206 BCE-220 CE)



*Han Dynasty Empire (206 B.C.–A.D. 220)*

# Emperor Gao (Liu Bang)



- ☯ Former peasant
- ☯ Rebel leader who helped overthrow the Qin
- ☯ Relied on Confucius policy rather than the harsh legalist ideals of Qin dynasty

# The Han Under Emperor Wu

- ☯ Became known as the “Martial Emperor”
- ☯ Expanded China’s empire through war
- ☯ Relied on Confucianism
- ☯ Improved canals and roads
- ☯ Imposed a government monopoly (complete control of a business) on iron and salt



# Han Society

- ☯ **Scholar-Officials: well-educated Confucian philosophers run the bureaucracy**
- ☯ **Scholar official were expected to match the Confucian ideal - be courteous, dignified and possess a thorough knowledge of history, music, poetry, and Confucian teachings**





# Civil Service Examinations



- ☯ Officials won positions by merit rather than through family background
- ☯ To find the most qualified officials a system of exams were developed
- ☯ In theory, any man could take the exam but in reality only those who could afford it – ended up taking it
- ☯ Still used up until 1905!

# Women in Han Society

- ☯ Confucian teachings – men superior than women
- ☯ kept women from taking the civil service exams.
- ☯ Women were expected to obey the will of their fathers, husbands, then sons in old age



# Technology and Trade

- ☯ Advancements include paper, yokes, plow, wheelbarrow, improved iron tools, use of water power to grind grain
- ☯ Agriculture was considered the most important but trade thrived
- ☯ Government monopolies produced silk which was traded as far west as Europe along the Silk Road



# Downfall of the Han Dynasty

- ☯ Power struggles between palace eunuchs, empresses, and palace consorts
- ☯ Daoist religious groups rebel against Han rule
- ☯ Warlord Cao Pi forces the last Han emperor Xian to abdicate the throne



THREE KINGDOMS (262 AD)

# Next The Three Kingdoms Period...



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