

## **Ancient China Vocabulary**

**Taoism/Daoism: religion that teaches people to give up earthly desires in favor of nature.**

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**Shi Huangdi: first emperor of China.**

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**Silk Road: 4,000 mile trade route between China and Europe.**

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**Social Class: three levels of society-peasants, nobles, king**

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**pictographs: characters that stand for objects in writing.**

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**dynasty: line of rulers that belong to the same family.**

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**Legalism: obeying rulers out of fear.**

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**Oracle Bones: used to predict that future in the Shang dynasty.**

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**Confucianism: philosophy that teaches responsibility and moral behavior.**

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**Filial Piety: children must respect their parents**

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**North China Plain: fertile land for farming. Where China started.**

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**acupuncture: method of relieving the pain by sticking tiny needles in the skin.**

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**Great Wall of China: built for defensive purposes.**