

# Tang, Song, & Yuan Dynasties

## Main Ideas

### The Tang Dynasty

- Reunified China after Warring States Period
- Raised taxes to pay for public works projects (new waterways, roads, etc.)
- Planted new crops & used new farming methods to improve economy



## The Song Dynasty

- Established system for selecting officials based on merit
  - Merit → good quality (example: \_\_\_\_\_)



## The Civil Service Exams & Scholar-Officials

- Jobs given to most qualified individuals (& not those with good connections)
- Scholar-officials → most respected class during Song Dynasty



## Mongol Expansion



## The Yuan Dynasty

- MONGOLIAN dynasty that ruled China
- Ignored teachings of Confucius
- Allowed new religions (Buddhism, Christianity, & Islam) into China...**which weakened Confucianism**
- Eventually overthrown by Ming Dynasty

