

HISTORICAL LITERACY: HANDOUT A3

Comparing Elite Culture in the Tang and Song Dynasties

DISCUSSION SHEET

TANG DYNASTY	SONG DYNASTY
<p>Looking outward</p> <p>Open to foreign ideas</p> <p>Rise of Buddhism</p> <p>Women enjoy some freedoms</p> <p>Trade along the Silk Road</p> <p>White porcelain prized by Arab merchants</p> <p>Territorial expansion through military conflict</p>	<p>Looking inward</p> <p>Foreign ideas are feared or rejected</p> <p>Revival of Confucianism</p> <p>Women's rights become more restricted</p> <p>Trade by sea route</p> <p>Green glazed porcelain fired in "dragon kilns"</p> <p>Territorial defense through diplomacy and appeasement with goods and money</p>