

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: HANDOUT D1

Final Writing Assignments

1. RANKING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Students select ten of the Tang and Song accomplishments in science, technology, literature, or philosophy and rank them in order of greatest importance and influence on both China and the outside world. Students then select the three accomplishments they have ranked as most important and write a paragraph giving their reasons for their choices.

2. COMPARE AND CONTRAST THE TANG AND SONG DYNASTIES

DIRECTIONS FOR WRITING: Using the information you have read and analyzed about the accomplishments of the Tang and Song dynasties, you will write a comparison of the two dynasties. Use the following outline to organize your ideas.

PARAGRAPH 1: Describe three to four ideas or accomplishments that the Tang and Song dynasties shared. Give a brief description of the idea or accomplishment and how it helped those dynasties rule China.

PARAGRAPH 2: Describe three to four ways in which the Tang and Song dynasties were different or how the Song dynasty further developed ideas that started with the Tang.

PARAGRAPH 3: Summarize what you think was the most important idea or accomplishment that the Tang and Song dynasties shared. Tell how this idea helped to make China one of the most highly developed civilizations of the time.