

AP WORLD HISTORY 9

Chapter 15 – “The Resurgence of Empire in East Asia”

Historical Thinking Skills Questions: Fully complete the following questions in your notebook using the sections and pages indicated from Chapter 15.

The Sui Dynasty (pages 376-378)

1. Cause – Effect: The building of the Grand Canal.

The Establishment of Buddhism (pages 391-394)

1. Why does Confucianism lose its credibility after the fall of the Han Dynasty?
2. True – False: Identify whether the following statement is True or False and support with evidence. “Although many religions made inroads into China after the fall of the Han, one of those that did not was Islam.”
3. Your text states that Buddhism, in the form of Mahayana Buddhism, may have reached China by diffusion along the Silk Roads as early as the 1st or 2nd century BCE. We already saw Mahayana Buddhism develop in India in the 3rd century BCE. Review time!! Go back to text page 222 and identify the THREE basic features of Mahayana Buddhism that made it the “greater vehicle” and opened the road to salvation for large numbers of people.
4. Explain why Chan (“Zen”) Buddhism is considered a “syncretic” faith.
5. Cause – Effect: Hostility develops to Buddhism in China

Neo-Confucianism (pages 394-395)

1. Define Neo-Confucianism.
2. Identify, by listing, what are the main characteristics/features of Neo-Confucianism.