

## **AIM: Han China (206 BCE – 220 CE)**

### **Han Basics:**

1. Most important ruler = Han Wudi (the “Martial Emperor”) – ruled 54 years
2. Enormous bureaucracy created to rule empire – centralized government
3. Relied on LEGALIST principles to rule – but ..., a “gentler” version of what had been used by the Qin under ShiHuanghi, and ... later Wudi will abandon Legalism altogether
4. Imperial officer assigned to districts to implement government policies
5. Built extensive roads and canals
6. Taxes \$\$\$\$ - heavy taxes on agriculture, trade, and craft industries – and, government controlled monopolies on essential goods like iron, salt, and liquor

Identify and Explain the “CAUSES” and “EFFECTS” of the statement: “The Han emperor Han Wudi faced a serious problem in recruiting educated candidates for office.”

----- What is the connection to Confucianism and Civil Service Testing??

Other important features of Han China!!

1. Expansion:
2. Patriarchy:
3. Iron:
4. Silk = Trade:
5. Paper: