



Han Dynasty

202 BCE – 220 CE





Liu Bang

- Born as a peasant
- Fought in the warring states period following the end of the Qin Dynasty
- Able to beat out other contenders
 - Took name Gaozu





Inventions of the Han Dynasty

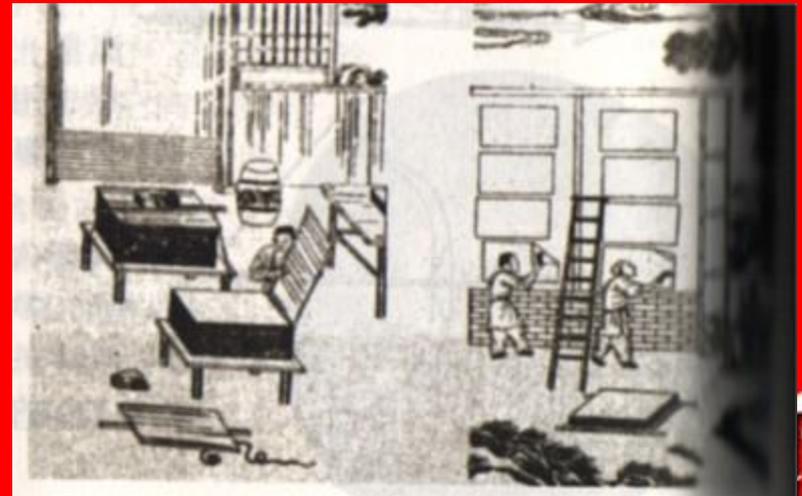
Porcelain

- More durable form of pottery
- Took a long time to perfect



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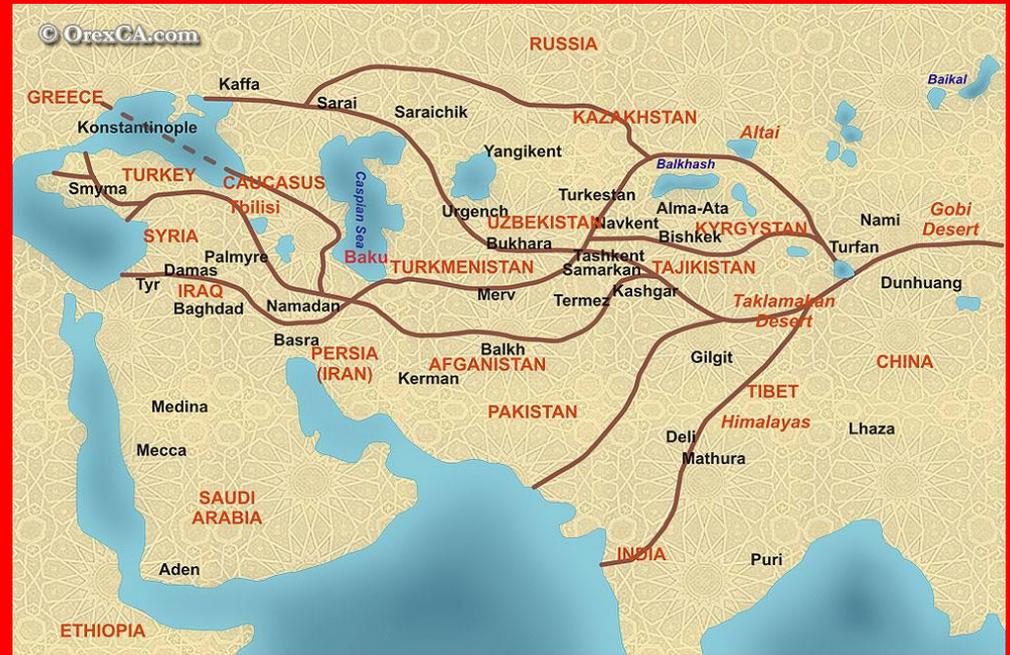
- Very thick at first
- Allowed for written histories to be developed





Silk Road

- Consisted of many different routes
- Served as a link between china and the Middle East, as well as Europe
- Exchanged silk for western goods such as precious metals and stones, as well as iron





Civil Service Examination

- Established to find suitable candidates for bureaucracy
- Consisted of
 - Military Strategy
 - Civil law
 - Revenue/taxation
 - Agriculture
 - Geography





Central Question

How might the Chinese have used the Civil Service Examination? Would you possibly compare it to any modern tests?

