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

Paper
- 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?