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Shang Dynasty - 1<sup>st</sup> dynasty

Various rulers - change would occur when ruler lost: Mandate of Heaven  
(power or permission to rule from gods)

Shi Huangdi: 1<sup>st</sup> "Emperor"  
Qin Dynasty ⇒ harsh rule, people obeyed out of fear; outlawed Confucianism

Shi Huangdi: "Great Wall" started nicknamed "Wall of Tears"

Good things: he built roads  
'Legalism' replaced Confucianism

↳ Standardization  
 • currency  
 • weights & measures  
 • laws, writing

Confucius: "Treat others as you'd want to be treated"  
Rulers should set an example  
People obey from love & respect

Family Life: family was most important

"last" name was written 1<sup>st</sup>

"Smith John" as example

women obeyed men or mother-in-law

oldest male most powerful

Han Dynasty: Chinese call themselves "Children of Han"

Kind, peaceful, time of prosperity & invention

• brought back Confucianism  
 • kept good of Legalism (standardization)

• Merit System = exams to earn govt. positions

Han Dynasty  $\Rightarrow$  Silk Trade Route  
"Silk Road"