CHAPTER 8: THE UNIFICATION OF CHINA
SECTION 2: IN SEARCH OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ORDER
SECTION 3A: FROM ECONOMIC PROSPERITY TO SOCIAL DISORDER

Directions: Read the entirety of the above section, including any additional text selections such as “Eyewitness” or “Sources from the Past” and examine all maps, charts, images, and diagrams. As you read, in the first section below, define the listed World History vocabulary terms, being sure to make connections to the broader topic where appropriate. Also, in the space under that, define simply any other high-level vocabulary words that you do not already know. In the second section below, answer the questions in detail, explaining based on details from the reading. Finally, in the last section, keep track of any questions you had while studying this section and give your feedback on this assignment.

NOTE: For this assignment, you must read all the Chapter 8 Introduction, all of Section 8.2, and only the first part of Section 8.3, titled “Productivity and Prosperity During the Early Han.”

IDENTIFY

Sima Qian (153)

Centralized Imperial Rule (154, 161)

Qin Dynasty (160)

Shi Huangdi (160-161)

Terra-Cotta Army (162)

Public Works Projects (162)

Liu Bang (162-163)

Han Dynasty (163)

Chang’an (163)
Han Wudi (163)

Xiongnu (163-164)

Filial Piety (166)

Sericulture (166-167)

Silk Road (166-167)

**HIGHER-LEVEL VOCABULARY**
Directions: In the space under that, define simply any high-level vocabulary words that you don’t already know.

**EXPLAIN AND ANALYZE**

**NOTE:** Throughout this section, much is discussed about the geography of China and its neighbors. Please refer regularly to the maps on page 160 and 165 to see the places and routes being referenced.

1. Why and how was Sima Qian punished? Why did he decide not to take his own life? (153-154)

2. What methods did the Qin Dynasty use to take over its territory? Why was it important for Emperor Shi Huangdi to take power away from the nobility, the traditional landowning aristocratic elites, and put in power his own government bureaucrats instead? (Note: this is a very common technique among rulers wishing to establish a centralized state.) (160-161)
3. What actions did Shi Huangdi take to maintain and strengthen his rule over China? Do you think these actions were a good idea? Do you think that they work well? Give multiple examples. (161-162)

4. Why did Shi Huangdi want a common script for all China? **Note:** The word "common" in this context does not mean regular or average, but that it was shared between all people. (162)

5. Why did the expansion of Public Works both help and harm the dynasty? What was the result in the end? (162)

6. From the perspective of Liu Bang, what was the potential problem with decentralization, and what was the potential problem with centralization? How did he try to find a middle path between the two? What ended up happening that made him decide to move strictly to centralization in the end? (163)

7. Like the Qin Dynasty before, Han Wudi greatly expanded the centralized state, gaining new territories, building roads and bridges, and hiring a massive bureaucracy. But how did he pay for all of this? There were several methods. (163)

8. Why is it important that bureaucrats (government officials) are educated qualified? How did the government make sure that they were? What role did Confucianism play in this process? (163)

9. What was the Xiongnu such challenging opponents in battle? How did the Han Dynasty try to deal with the Xiongnu? How successful were they? (164-165)
10. During the Han Dynasty, all of the following territories came under Chinese control EXCEPT
   a. Vietnam
   b. Japan
   c. Korea
   d. Central Asia

11. Looking ahead, what types of problems with eventually lead to the collapse of the Han Dynasty? (166)

12. Describe the impact of the expansion of the iron industry had on China (166)

13. Paper. Crossbow. Horse Collar. Ship’s Rudder. Which of these following inventions do you think was
   the most important and why? (167)

**Question**
Directions: In the space below, record any questions or confusions you had while reading. Be sure to note at
least the page number for the content on which the question is based for future reference.

**Reflect**
What did you like about this homework assignment? What did you dislike?

How long did it take you to complete this assignment?

Do you have any suggestions for ways to further improve textbook homeworks?