

Notes 5.8.1 - History of China (Part I)

- It is very old. With its history stretching back 3,500 years, it is one of the original river valley civilizations.
- Population concentrates near the food producing area in the East.
- China has historically had an inward focus. It called itself “The Middle Kingdom”.
- Dynastic Cycle** provided fresh ideas in same structure.
- Great Wall and Grand Canal protected and unified China.
- Technological innovation provided trade and stability.
- Silk Road Network provided trade goods with other cultures.
- During Ming Dynasty, dominated trade in the Indian Ocean and W. Pacific.