

# Guided Reading

## Early China

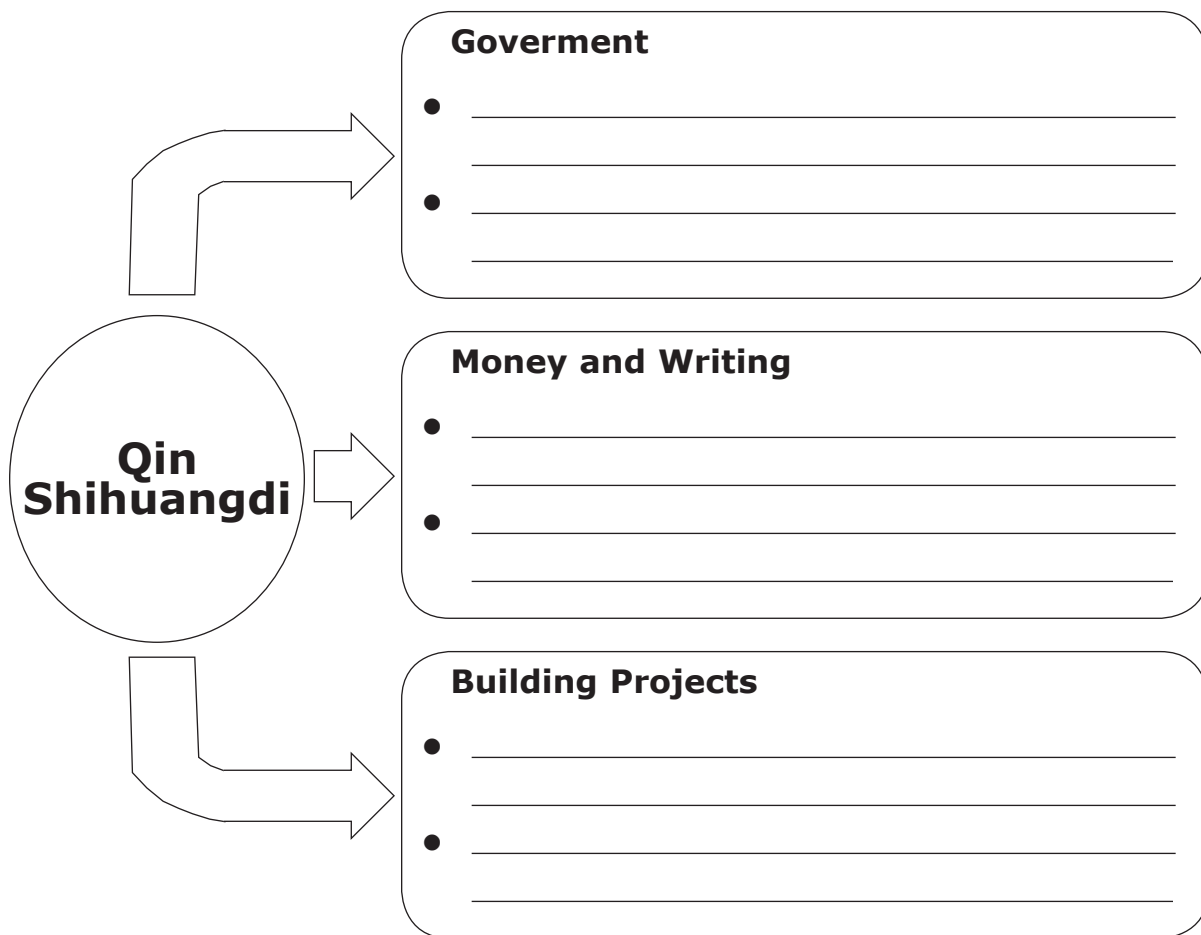
### Lesson 3 *The Qin and Han Dynasties*

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTION

*How do governments change?*

### The Qin Emperor

1. **Completing a Diagram** Fill in this diagram about the efforts of Qin Shihuangdi to unify China.



2. **Inferring** How would a simplified writing system help unify a country?

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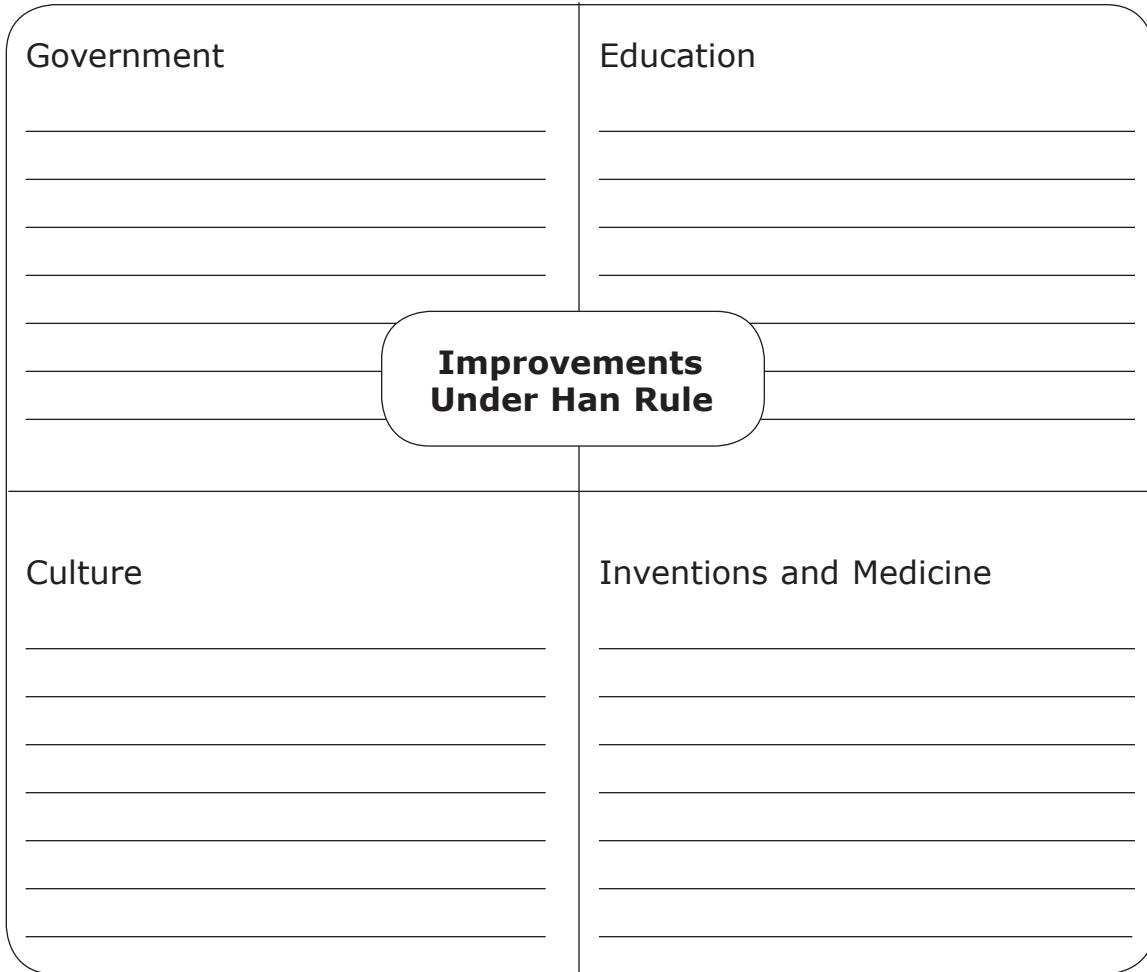
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### Han Rulers

**3. Listing** In the appropriate box of the diagram, list ways in which government, education, culture, and inventions and medicine advanced during the Han dynasty.



**4. Explaining** During the Han dynasty, how did the area that made up China change? How did this change occur?

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### On the Silk Road

**5. Directions** Fill in the blanks.

During the Han dynasty, Chinese trade increased. China made new contacts in the West as a result of increased \_\_\_\_\_ . Zhang Qian, a Chinese explorer, spent thirteen years travelling in the West. His original mission was to find \_\_\_\_\_ to help China fight its enemies. When Zhang Qian returned he told Emperor \_\_\_\_\_ about the powerful horses he had seen in the West. The emperor wanted to encourage trade between China and the West to get these horses for his \_\_\_\_\_ Early Chinese merchants traded silk, spices, and other \_\_\_\_\_ goods. In honor of China’s most famous export, the route along which these goods were traded was later called the \_\_\_\_\_ .

The Silk Road went from western China to the \_\_\_\_\_ . Travel along the route was difficult because of the long distances, high mountains, and vast \_\_\_\_\_ . Merchants hired guards for protection against \_\_\_\_\_ . Even though the route was long and dangerous, for more than 1,000 years the Silk Road was the main trade link between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

**6. Determining Cause and Effect** What role did exploration play in the development of the Silk Road?

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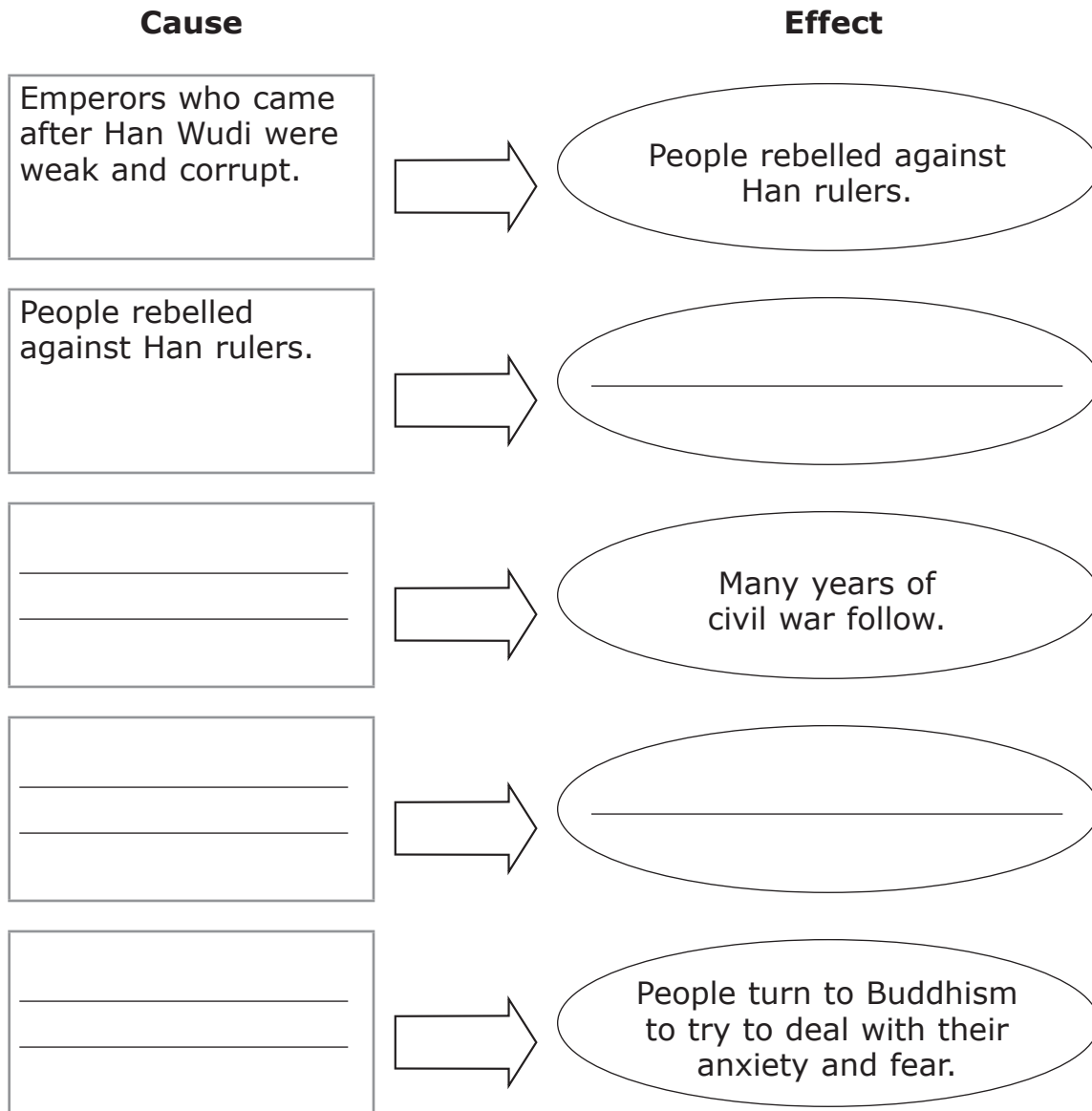
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### Buddhism Reaches China

**7. Understanding Cause and Effect** A cause-and-effect chart can help you understand the relationship between what happened and why it happened. This cause-and-effect chart is about events in China during the time of the fall of the Han dynasty. Complete the chart based on your reading.



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**8. Making Connections** If you have a good idea that you want everyone to know about, how would you go about telling people?

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How did ideas spread in early China?

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Earlier you studied about the birth of Buddhism in India. How did Buddhism spread to China?

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