

China Textbook Assignment #2  
Chapter 8, Lesson 3, pps. 209-217

- Answer questions in complete sentences, in blue or black ink (word-processed answers are preferred). Most questions can be answered fully in 1-3 sentences.
- Restate the question in your answer.
- Answers will be glued into notebooks after they are scored.

1. According to Marco Polo, what are some of the things that occur in Kubla Khan's court on New Year's Day?
2. Mention several things that helped the Mongols overpower the Chinese in the 1200's.
  - 3a. When the Mongols took over China, they established their own dynasty, the Yuan. What were some of the things this dynasty did to ensure that the Mongols were not absorbed into the Chinese culture?
  - 3b. When the Mongols ruled China, economic and social progress was disrupted. Explain some of the causes of this disruption in progress.
4. How was trade affected by Mongol control of China? Give examples.
5. How was the West affected by the increase in trading activity in China?
6. Why did the Chinese rebel against the Mongol rulers? Which dynasty did the rebels found?
7. List at least five traditional activities Emperor Taizu encouraged.
8. What are some of the reforms Emperor Taizu began that helped "narrow the gap" between the rich and the poor?
9. Define despot.
10. Why is emperor Taizu often described as a despot?
11. What was the purpose of Chinese ambassador Zheng Ho's voyages to the West? Give at least two examples to justify your position about whether he did or did not accomplish his purpose?
12. What is a "junk?" Explain and give at least two details.
13. Despite foreign trade restrictions decreed by the living dynasty. Europeans eventually "discovered" China. What products did Europeans bring to China to trade? What products did they want?
14. Who defeated the Ming dynasty? What dynasty did these invaders found?
15. Both the Yuan and the Qing were foreign dynasties. Explain how the Manchus (the Qing) were different in their ruling style from the Mongols (the Yuan).
16. Why did the Qing allow only limited trade with other nations?
17. What city is located at 40 degrees north latitude and 116 degrees east longitude?
18. What is the main land use in the western half of China? What is the main land use in the eastern half? Use the map on p. 216 to help you explain how China's geography (physical regions) affects the land use in the east and the west.