**Chapter 8 Reading Guide: The Unification of China.** Directions: As you read pages 152-172, answer the following questions thoroughly.

**Terms:**

Period of Warring States:

Confucius (Kong Fuzi):

Confucianism:

Analects:

Junzi:

Ren, Li, Xiao:

Mencius:

Doaism:

Laozi:

Dao:

Wuwei:

Legalism:

Shang Yang:

Han Feizi:

Qin Dynasty:

Qin Shihuangdi:

Han Dynasty:

Liu Bang:

Sima Qian:

Han Wudi:

Confucian Education System:

Xiongnu:

Wang Mang:

Yellow Turban Uprising:

**Reading Guide:**

Why did Confucius not deal with philosophical or religious questions?

According to Confucius, what would bring order and stability to China?

Why were Daoists critical of Confucians?

According to the Daoists, what would bring order and stability to China?

Describe the political doctrine of the Legalists.

How did Legalists approach the challenges of creating an orderly society?

Why is Qin Shihuangdi significant?

Who resisted the Qin rule? Why?

Why did Qin burn books and persecute scholars?

How did Qin enhance unity in China?

Why did the people of western China build walls?

What were the important accomplishments of Han Wudi?

Why did the Xiongnu pose such a challenge to the Han Dynasty?

How were the Chinese able to combine both Confucian and Legalist traditions?

What important industries helped expand the Chinese economy? How?

To where did the Han trade? What goods did they trade?

Explain the origins of social tensions in the Han Dynasty.

Why is the rule of Wang Mang considered the dividing point between the former and the later Han Dynasty?

How did the Yellow Turban Uprising affect the Han Dynasty?

**Big Picture Questions (Answer in 3-4 sentences for each question)**

1. What techniques did Chinese empires create to administer their territories?
2. What new political methods were created by China in order to rule their larger empire?
3. What role did trade play in creating and maintaining empires in China?
4. What unique social and economic characteristics existed in China?
5. What function did imperial cities perform in China?
6. What social classes and occupations were common in China?
7. What labor systems provided the workers for China?
8. Describe the gender and family structures of China.
9. What caused Chinese empires to decline, collapse, or transform into something else?
10. What were the environmental and social weaknesses of China?
11. How did trade and communication networks develop in China?
12. How did religion in China help strengthen political, economic, and cultural ties?
13. How did religion in China promote a sense of unity?
14. How did humans’ reliance on the natural world influence religion in China?
15. How did art and culture develop in China?