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My "I Can" Checklist for Unit 5: Ancient China

*Check off each skill as you master the standards.

Geography and the Early Settlement of China

Essential Question: How did geography affect life in ancient China?

- _____ I can describe the geography of China's regions and analyze how each region's physical features, climate, and vegetation affect daily life.
- _____ I can locate the Huang He Valley and explain why Chinese civilization originated here.
- _____ I can explain how China's geographic features isolated it from the rest of the world.
- _____ I can explain why fewer people settled Outer China than in Inner China.
- _____ I can explain which geographical features made governing China as a unified state most difficult.

The Shang Dynasty

Essential Question: What do Shang artifacts reveal about this civilization?

- _____ I can analyze artifacts to draw conclusions about the Shang dynasty.
- _____ I can describe the government, social structure, religion, writing, art, and technology of the Shang dynasty.

Three Chinese Philosophies

Essential Question: How did Confucianism, Daoism, and Legalism influence political rule in ancient China?

- _____ I can identify political and cultural issues at the end of the Zhou dynasty.
- _____ I can describe the lives and fundamental teachings of Confucius, Laozi, and Hanfeizi.

The First Emperor of China

Essential Question: Was the Emperor Qin Shihuangdi an effective leader?

- _____ I can explain how the emperor Shihuangdi unified northern China under the Qin dynasty.
- _____ I can analyze the policies and achievements of the Emperor of Qin to evaluate the extent to which Qin was an effective leader.

The Han Dynasty

Essential Question: In what ways did the Han dynasty improve government and daily life in China?

- _____ I can explain how the Han dynasty expanded their empire.
- _____ I can evaluate the impact of inventions and discoveries in the fields of warfare, government, agriculture, industry, art, medicine, and science during the Han empire.

The Silk Road

Essential Question: How did the Silk Road promote an exchange of goods and ideas?

- _____ I can locate trans-Eurasian trade routes in the period of the Han dynasty and the Roman Empire.
- _____ I can identify travel difficulties along the Silk Road.
- _____ I can explain how the Silk Road led to an exchange of goods, ideas, and beliefs.
- _____ I can describe the diffusion of Buddhism northward from India to China.