

### Student Handout #2 - The Tang Dynasty as a Golden Age

| What was happening during the Tang Dynasty with respect to each of the categories below that made it a Golden Age for China?   | Your conjecture, or best guess, about advances or changes in this category that helped create a Golden Age. | Notes from Carousel Activity readings... what actually happened, according to the readings? How do these changes show a Golden Age? |
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| <b>Technology</b><br>Includes anything related to new technologies, such as printing, military inventions, and food production   |   |   |
| <b>Culture</b><br>Includes religion, the arts, and lifeways  |   |   |
| <b>Leadership &amp; Systems</b><br>Includes anything related to leadership, government, bureaucracy, communications, and transportation  |   |   |
| <b>Interactions &amp; Influence</b><br>Includes anything related to Tang interactions with other empires or kingdoms, as well as their influence on surrounding areas like Korea and Japan |   |   |
| <b>Decline</b><br>Includes anything related to the reasons why this Golden Age ended and why the Tang lost power   |   |   |

**Stop and Jot:** Add to your earlier prediction. How was the Tang Golden Age similar to the Golden Age of the Gupta?

**Student Handout #3 – Art in the Golden Age of the Tang**

| <b>Work of Art</b>                      | <b>Brief Description</b> | <b>What you can infer (your best guess) from this work of art about Tang society:</b> |
|---|--------------------------|---|
| <i>Tang Court, slide 17</i>             |                          |   |
| <i>Golden bowl, slide 18</i>            |                          |   |
| <i>Tang official (statue), slide 18</i> |                          |   |
| <i>Silver jar, slide 19</i>             |                          |   |
| <i>Tomb guard, slide 19</i>             |                          |   |
| <i>Emperor Xuanzong, slide 20</i>       |                          |   |

- 1. How can we learn about what was important to a society by studying their art?**
  
- 2. Based on these works of art, what are our best guesses about what was important to people during the Tang Dynasty?**