World History I Tang and Song China Worksheet

1. What grand projects did the Sui Dynasty take on? What were the conditions like working on these projects? How did the people of China react?
2. What dynasty started after the fall of the Sui Dynasty?
3. Who was Tang Taizong? How did he come to power? What were some of his accomplishments?
4. Who was Wu Zhao? What was significant about her rule?
5. Explain how the civil service examination system worked. Was this a good system or not? How did it impact China’s governing system?
6. What led to the downfall of the Tang Dynasty? How did they gradually lose power?
7. Who was Taizu? What dynasty did he start?
8. How did the Song try to keep peace? Did this work?
9. What was the Song Dynasty like economically? What created these good or bad economic conditions?
10. What was the population in China like at that point in time?
11. What was movable type? How did it transform printing from how it had been done earlier?
12. What other developments did the development of gunpowder lead to?
13. What other inventions came out of China at that point in history?
14. Which of these inventions or developments from questions 11, 12 and 13 do you think was most important in our global history? Why was that one the most important?
15. What advances were made in rice production leading up to this time period? Why was this so important?
16. What were the Silk Roads? How did China trade after losing control of the Silk Roads?
17. What impact did trade have on religions and culture in China?
18. Who were Li Bo and Tu Fu? What types of things did they write about?
19. What did artists emphasize in China at that point in history? What was their art like?
20. What were the Chinese social classes or levels of society during that time period?
21. How were women viewed in Chinese society at that point in time?
22. Why was foot-binding done? What do you think about this ritual?
23. Complete the Venn Diagram, then answer: How are the accomplishments of the two dynasties similar?