China Study Guide Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What geographical barriers helped isolate and protect China?
2. Why was the Grand Canal such an important achievement for the Sui dynasty?
3. Buddhism in China…
   1. Who introduced Buddhism to China?
   2. Why was Buddhism appealing to many Chinese?
   3. How did Tang rulers respond to the spread of Buddhism?
   4. Why were many Chinese opposed to Buddhism?
4. What was the purpose of the civil service exam?
5. How did Confucianism impact life in China?
6. Why was neo-Confucianism created and what were the characteristics of neo-Confucianism?
7. What were the notable achievements of the Sui Dynasty? Tang dynasty? Song dynasty?
8. How were the Chinese able to improve agriculture during the Tang and Song dynasties and what was the result of the improved agriculture?
9. How did Chinese innovation impact Europe and other parts of the world?
10. Which Mongol leader united warring Mongol clans, and established a massive land empire?
11. Which Mongol leader established the Yuan dynasty?
12. Why did trade improve under Mongol control?
13. In what ways did Kublai Khan show that his empire was respectful of the cultures he had conquered?
14. Why do you think the Mongols were such successful conquerors and how did they change as a result of conquering other people?
15. How did contact with the outside world change during the Ming dynasty?
16. Who led the sea voyages undertaken by the Ming dynasty and what were the Chinese seeking to achieve with the voyages?
17. Give two reasons that the Ming dynasty stopped exploring after the seven voyages?
18. What was the result of the Ming emperors halting the explorations?
19. How were the Jesuit missionaries received when they arrive in China during the Ming dynasty?
20. What was the purpose of the Forbidden City and where is it located?
21. Who were the ‘scholar-officials’ and why were they so valued in Chinese society?

Know the order of the five dynasties we studied and about how long they were in control.