Copy the following words and definitions; underline/highlight 3-5 key words in each definition. Under each, pick 1 activity to do (colorful picture, meaningful sentence, or 3 synonyms). Must do 3 of each activity- at least 3 pictures, 3 sentences, 3 synonyms, 1 of choice.

1. **Huang He River**- this river is also known as the Yellow River; this is where they first settled; known for its flooding & provided irrigation for farming; flows from Kunlun Mountains to Yellow Sea  
  
2. **Chang Jiang River**- This river is also known as the Yangtze River; the longest river in Asia; this river irrigates the fields to grow rice crops; flows through eastern China  
  
3. **Gobi Desert**- one of the world’s largest deserts that bordered China to the north and northwest; limited Chinese expansion   
  
4. **caravan**- a group of  people traveling together

5. **trade route-** a network of roads along which people buying and selling traveled

6. **Silk Road**- a trade network that stretched across Asia from China to Europe; allowed China to become powerful & rich; interaction with other cultures occurred while traveling/trading [cultural diffusion]  
  
7. **Great Wall-** a stone-and-earth barrier about 1,500 miles long, first built during the Qin dynasty to defend China’s northern boundary  
  
8. **Confucius**- a scholar who created a philosophy based on the idea of giving respect to others  
  
  
9. **philosophy**- means “love of wisdom”; the study of basic questions about human life   
  
  
10. **Mandate of Heaven**- the idea  that gods decided who would be the next ruler of China

\*\*good → approval of gods → keeps power

\*\*bad → lose approval of gods → people take away right to rule → power is given to new leader