China Vocabulary

**\*Emperor Qin Shi Huang di-** ruled during the Qin dynasty, united all of China, ruled with legalism (strict punishments), standardized money and writing system.

**\*Confucianism-** philosophy based on Confucius, duty (needs of family and community above your own needs), Golden rule, all people good.

**\*Legalism-** philosophy based on Hanfeizi, stresses strict laws and harsh punishments, all people evil.

**\*Daoism-** philosophy based on Laozi, free yourself from worldly desires and live in harmony with nature.

Mandate of Heaven- the belief that the Chinese king’s right to rule came from the gods.

Censor-an official who watches others for correct behavior

Civil service- the administrative service of a government

Currency- money in the form of coins or paper

Bureaucracy-a group of non-elected government officials

Philosophy- the study of the basic ideas about society, education, and right and wrong; basic beliefs, concepts, attitudes.