

12.3 China's Great Dynasties (pp. 386-393)

Section Outline: Complete the section outline as you read. Remember that an outline contains the most important facts from a reading, and is not usually written in complete sentences. An outline can be a way of creating organized notes.

- The Tang Dynasty
- The Song Dynasty
 - Song China
 - The Song Dynasty Is Defeated
 - The Yüan Dynasty
 - Kublai Khan
- The Rise of the Ming
 - The Voyages of Zheng He
 - The Forbidden City
 - Turning Inward
 - The Ming Decline
- Ming Accomplishments
 - Agriculture Is Favored

Reading Check Questions: Answer the following questions as you read the text.

1. What were the achievements of the Tang dynasty?
2. Who were the two principal leaders of the Mongol Empire?
3. What was the purpose of the voyages of Zheng He?
4. Why did the Ming dynasty shut China off from foreigners?