

## ***BIG PICTURE QUESTIONS (IX)***

1. In what ways did **Tang and Song dynasty** China resemble the **classical Han dynasty period**, and in **what ways had China changed**?
2. Based on this chapter, how would you respond to the idea **that China was a self-contained or isolated civilization**?
3. In what different ways did **nearby peoples experience their giant Chinese neighbor**, and how did they respond to it?
4. How can you explain the **changing fortunes of Buddhism** in China?
5. How did **China influence the world beyond East Asia**? How was **China itself transformed** by its encounters with a wider world?