Han Dynasty	Roman Empire
POLITICAL	POLITICAL
1. Good rulers like Liu Bang and Wudi	1. Good rulers like Julius Caesar and
were well liked and kept empire stable	Augustus were well liked and kept
2. Created a large empire consisting of	empire stable
China, Korea, and Vietnam	2. Created a large empire consisting of
3. Pax Sinica (60 years of peace)	Italy, Gaul, Spain, North Africa, Greece,
4. After powerful rulers died, new weak	and others
rulers were corrupt	3. Pax Romana (200 years of peace)
5. This caused civil wars	4. After powerful rulers died, new weak
6. Constant invasions from surrounding	rulers were corrupt
tribes (Huns)	5. This caused civil wars
7. Revival of Han under Han Prince	6. Constant invasions from surrounding
8. Empire split east and west	tribes (Germanic tribes, Huns, Visigoths,
9. Weakness led to collapse in 220CE	Vandals, Greeks)
	7. Revival under new leaders Diocletian
	and Constantine
	8. Empire split east and west
	9. Weakness to great empire falls 476 CE

Han Dynasty	Roman Dynasty
ECONOMIC	ECONOMIC
a. Conquests at first brought wealth and	a. Conquests at first brought wealth and
prosperity	prosperity
b. Silk Road	b. Silk Road
c. Conquests caused a financial burden	c. Conquests caused a financial burden
d. Raised taxes	d. Raised taxes
e. High taxes led to peasant rebellions	e. High taxes led to peasant rebellions
f. Inflation, led to coinage being	f. Inflation, led to coinage being
devalued	devalued
g. Food shortages	g. Food shortages
h. Trade eventually decreased	h. Trade eventually decreased

	Han Dynasty	Roman Dynasty
	SOCIAL	SOCIAL
a.	Religious and philosophical diversity	a) Religious diversity Christianity and
	Buddhism, Daoism, Confucianism	Judaism
b.	Gaps between rich and poor	b) Gaps between rich and poor
c.	More rebellions	c) More rebellions
d.	Famines	d) Famines
e.	Natural disasters	e) Natural disasters
f.	plague	f) plague