WHAP CH 26 Essential Questions

1. In a letter to King George III, the Chinese emperor Qianlong gave specific trade instructions to the English ruler and reminded him to “Tremblingly obey and show no negligence!” What does this exchange tell you about China’s position in the world in the late eighteenth century? Why were they so powerful? Could there be a danger in the Chinese attitude?
2. Compare and contrast the cultural, intellectual, and literary accomplishments of China and Japan during these years. In what ways was Japan influenced by China?
3. Examine the role of women during the Ming and Qing dynasties. How was foot binding representative of the changing social and gender worlds of China?
4. Examine the foundations of the Ming dynasty. What were the greatest accomplishments of the Ming? What led to their decline?
5. Examine the rise of the Qing dynasty. How did the Manchus view Chinese society and culture? In what ways were the Manchus influenced by Chinese traditions?
6. Examine the unification of Japan. What role did Tokugawa Ieyasu play in this movement? How did he influence Japanese history?
7. Examine the decision to close Japan to foreign trade. What events inspired this decision? How successful was this attempt? What were its results?
8. What steps did the Ming dynasty take to restore traditional Chinese culture and remove all foreign influences associated with Mongol rule?