Graphic Organizer

Tang Dynasty Successes:
• Artistic and cultural advances
• Development of government systems
• Advanced transportation and communication networks

Tang Dynasty Problems:
• Corrupt officials
• Rebellion among the peasants
• Internal struggles for power
• Conflict with competing kingdoms and empires
Big Idea Card

Big Ideas Lesson 3, Unit 6

- In this era, new empires emerged and organized to take the places of the great, classical empires of Era 3. In China, after the fall of the Han Empire, several other dynasties came and went before the emergence of the Tang, which rivaled the Han in terms of territorial extent and duration.

- The Tang Dynasty was seen as a Golden Age for China, as it further refined government systems and bureaucracy, advanced military power, and improved communication and transportation networks.

- The Tang Dynasty had a far-reaching impact, influencing government and culture in Korea and Japan, as well as other parts of Asia. The Tang influence was limited to the west by the influence of the Abassid Dynasty, which prevented Tang expansion.

- The Tang Dynasty followed the pattern of past empires. Eventual corruption, internal struggles for power, and overexpansion weakened the Tang Dynasty. As a result, the dynasty declined and fell, as had the Han before them.
## Word Cards

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<th><strong>14 plateau</strong></th>
<th><strong>15 migrant</strong></th>
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<td>raised, flat-surfaced areas bounded on one or more sides by cliffs or steep slopes</td>
<td>a person who goes from one place to another especially to find work</td>
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**Example:** The plateau provided a natural barrier that prevented Chinese expansion.

**Example:** The migrant family moved at the end of the season, looking for work in a new area.

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<td>an official procedure for gathering and recording information about the population of a given country or area, including the number of families and people living there</td>
<td>a technique for printing text using letters or characters imprinted in moveable wood blocks</td>
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**Example:** The census results showed that the population of Michigan had decreased.

**Example:** The first books in China were made with block printing.

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<td>a researcher who studies human populations, looking at size, density, rates of growth, and other things related to the number of people</td>
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**Example:** The demographer studied the changes in Michigan’s population.