

## Body Paragraph

The Song and Tang dynasty were different with the use of examinations that chose who the government officials would be. In the Tang dynasty the exam emphasized "Confucian values of loyalty and service." This shows that Confucianism was enforced in all areas, even in exams. Although there were exams as early as the Han dynasty, the only way to become a government official in Tang was through the exams. The Song dynasty's exam became harder because most of the time the people wanted wealthier people to become officials. With that being said, only 10% of candidates could pass which made wealthy families devote their time and money into preparing for the test. The test was developed into 3 parts from local to provincial to court exams. Another way the dynasties differ are how many government officials would be placed throughout the empire. Having more officials in the Tang dynasty led to expansion in which the Tang rulers placed military bases along the Silk Road. These three details show the differences in the examination for officials in the Song and Tang dynasty.

EQ: Compare political policies between the Tang and Song dynasties in China.

There are many different political policies between the Tang and Song dynasties. Tang focused more on growing and controlling their empire. The Song main focus was increasing prosperity and stability at home. They both made advances in science, technology, arts and philosophy.

The political policies between the Tang and Song dynasty is both had the practice of Confucianism. Although they both have their government officials they choose them by examination usually the elite son were the only ones that went to school. This showed the Confucian values of loyalty. The Song Dynasty was cut off from the Silk Road but still send goods to its invaders. The agriculture became a big impact on the Tang to feed the whole population and the Song advanced new technological innovations. One big impact on changes of dynasty was the involvement of urban life creating the manufacturing and trade.