# SCPS Guided Learning for Social Studies

## Grade 6  Week #3

### Essential Questions:
- How has the Coronavirus impacted your life?
- What were the lasting effects of the Qin Dynasty?

### Procedures:
- **Assignment #1** Read the journal entry prompt.
- Construct a journal entry that answers the questions in the prompt.
- **Assignment #2** Read the text called “The Legacy of the Qin Dynasty”
- Complete the graphic organizer
- Complete the constructed response essay on your own paper.

### Work to Be Returned:
- Primary source/Journal Entry for Week #3
- Graphic organizer about the positive effects of Qin’s actions
- Constructed response about Qin’s legacy.

### Resources:
- Writing prompt for Diary/Journal Entry #3; Reading
- The Legacy of the Qin Dynasty

### Time Allocated:
- 2 (30) minute Assignments

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**Assignment #1**

**Creating a Primary Source Document -- Week #3**

**READ** Remember over the next few weeks, you will be asked to write a diary/journal entry once a week about “Life during the Great Pandemic of 2020.” You will write about what’s going on in the news as it relates to the Coronavirus, how your parent’s/guardian’s lives are impacted, how your life is impacted, and your feelings about what is going on.

**DO** For your third diary/journal entry, explain how your life has changed in the past week because of the Coronavirus. What have you done this week? What are some things you wish you were doing, but now can’t? What do you miss the most right now? Be sure to include as many specific details as possible.

_____________________________ (Date)
The Legacy of the Qin Dynasty

A dynasty is a line of rulers all within the same family. The Qin Dynasty, pronounced like chin, emerged in 221 BCE. Qin Shihuang, the king of the Qin state at the time, conquered the many territories vying for influence during the bloody Warring States period. He then united them all under one rule, putting an end to the violent period in Chinese history that lasted for 200 years.

Qin Shihuang was only 38 years old when he came into power. He created the title "Emperor" for himself, and thus is known as the first emperor of China. While his dynasty only lasted 15 years, the shortest dynastic rule in Chinese history, the impact of the Qin Emperor on China cannot be understated. Qin Dynasty policies were very influential in uniting China and maintaining power. After Qin’s death, his practices and policies he created impacted other dynasties and continue to flourish in present-day China.

Here are just a few parts of Qin’s legacy:

Central Rule
The dynasty followed strict Legalist principles to rule. Anyone who protested Qin's power was quickly and brutally silenced or killed off.

Written Script
Qin made a uniform written language. Before then, different regions in China had different languages and writing systems. Creating a universal written language allowed for better communication. One written language allowed scholars to share information with a greater number of people. It also led to the sharing of culture.

Roads The construction of roads allowed for greater connections between provinces and major cities. The dynasty also standardized the length of axles in carts so that they could all ride on the newly-built roads.

Weights and Measures The dynasty standardized all weights and measures. This set standards and enforced uniform procedures to verify weight, volume, length or count was the same each time someone bought something. It made sure that consumers got the quantity that they paid for and that businesses sold the quantity that they advertised. This also allowed other dynasties to develop a taxation system.

Coinage
In another effort to unify the empire, the Qin Dynasty standardized the Chinese currency. Doing so led to greater commerce across more regions.

The Great Wall
The Qin Dynasty was responsible for the construction of the Great Wall of China. The Great Wall marked national boundaries and acted to protect against invading nomadic tribes from the north. However, later dynasties built beyond Qin’s original wall.
Terracotta Warriors

Another architectural feat that draws tourists to China is the enormous tomb filled with terracotta warriors. This is also a part of Qin Shihuang's legacy.

When Qin Shihuang died, he was buried in a tomb accompanied by an army of hundreds of thousands of terracotta soldiers that were supposed to protect him in his afterlife. Once a leader dies, so can his dynasty. After Qin Shihuang’s death in 210 BCE, his son, and later his grandson, took power, but both were short-lived. The Qin Dynasty came to a close in 206 BCE, just four years after Qin Shihuang’s death.

Almost immediately following his death, the same warring states that he unified sprang up again and China was again ruled by numerous leaders until it was unified under the Han Dynasty. The Han would last over 400 years, but much of its practices were started in the Qin Dynasty.

Qin Shihuang’s tomb was uncovered by farmers digging for a well in 1974.

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<th>Use the information from the graphic organizer to complete the following Constructed Response. You will need to write this on your own piece of paper.</th>
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*It has been said that the Qin Dynasty, under the rule of Emperor Shihuang, greatly influenced China both during his rule and even now into modern day China? Use the information above, to prove this claim is true. Include at least three details from the reading and your graphic organizer to support your response.*

| Write your constructed response on your own piece of paper. |  |