ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:
- How has the Coronavirus impacted your life?
- How did the Han Dynasty impact ancient China?
- What is COVID-19, what are its symptoms, and how can you and your family stay safe?

PROCEDURES:
- **Assignment #1** Read the text, “The Han Dynasty.” Circle or highlight the correct answer to each multiple choice question based on your reading.
- **Assignment #2** Read the lyrics to the Flocabulary rap song called “What is COVID-19?”
  - Complete the matching vocabulary activity from terms used within the rap song.
  - Complete the multiple choice questions based on the information presented in the rap.

WORK TO BE RETURNED:
- 10 Multiple Choice Questions about the Han Dynasty
- Vocabulary matching activity from Flocabulary about COVID-19
- Multiple choice questions from Flocabulary about COVID-19

RESOURCES:
- Text - “The Han Dynasty”
- Flocabulary lyrics and vocabulary terms

TIME ALLOCATED:
- 2 (30) minute Assignments

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**Assignment #1**

**THE HAN DYNASTY**

**READ**

When was the Han Dynasty?
The Han Dynasty ran for over 400 years, from 206 BC to 220 AD. It was the second Imperial dynasty after the Qin Dynasty. It was followed by the Three Kingdoms period.

How did it get started?
The Han Dynasty began with a peasant revolt against the Qin Emperor. It was led by Liu Bang, son of a peasant family. Once the Qin Emperor was killed there was a war for four years between Liu Bang and his rival Xiang Yu. Liu Bang won the war and became emperor. He changed his name to Han Gaozu and established the Han Dynasty.

Civil Service
One of the first things that Emperor Gaozu did was to establish the civil service. He gathered a number of educated men about him to help him run the empire. Later Han emperors would establish examinations and schools to make sure that only the most intelligent men would run the government. This method of government would run for over 2,000 years.

Major Advances
The period of the Han Dynasty was a time of invention and science. One of the most important inventions was paper. Paper allowed the government to easily keep records and pass on instructions throughout the empire. Other important inventions include iron casting, crop rotation, and acupuncture as well as advancements in medicine, mathematics, building, agriculture, engineering, and astronomy.

What was life like?
Many people lived in the cities. Life was nice for the rich who lived in big houses that were finely decorated with carpets and art. They wore silk robes and were well educated. Life in the city was difficult for the poor who lived in crowded houses and often went without food.

Life in countryside was better for the peasants. They had to work hard, but they generally had food and shelter. Taxes were reduced during the Han Dynasty and people who tilled the soil were often respected.
Merchants were generally not respected. However, they were able to become rich, especially with trade improving due to the Silk Road and general peace in the country. Laws were made to make merchants wear white clothes and pay high taxes.

**Interesting Facts about the Han Dynasty**

- The most important products in the Han economy were iron, salt, copper work, and silk.
- The Silk Road was established during the Han Dynasty. This trade route from China to Europe was a great source of wealth and luxury items.
- Buddhism first came to China during this time.
- Social status was very rigid. There were 20 ranks of status and each level had increased privileges. Merchants were ranked low while craftsmen, doctors, and farmers were ranked fairly high.
- There was a short period when the Han Dynasty was overthrown by the Xin Dynasty. This lasted from 8 - 22 AD. The time before the Xin is often called the Western Han and the time after it was called the Eastern Han.
- The name of the first Han emperor, Gaozu, means "high ancestor." He named his palace *Lasting Joy.*

**Circle or highlight the answers to the following questions.**

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| 1. When did the Han Dynasty rule Ancient China?                          | A. 2000 BC to 1500BC  
B. 510 BC to 245 BC  
C. 206 BC to 220 AD  
D. 251 AD to 430 AD          |
| 2. Who was the founder and first Emperor of the Han dynasty?             | A. Liu Bang  
B. Kublai Khan  
C. Xiang Yu  
D. Mao Tse Tung               |
| 3. What was the organization that was founded under the Han Dynasty which ran the Chinese government for over 2000 years? | A. Feudal System  
B. Civil Servant  
C. Democracy  
D. Communal Representation |
| 4. What famous trade route was established during the Han Dynasty?       | A. The Indian Spice Trail  
B. The East West Road  
C. The Middle Passage  
D. The Silk Road              |
| 5. What important invention allowed the Han government to stay organized and keep detailed records? | A. Compass  
B. Paper  
C. Ink  
D. Acupuncture               |
| 6. This group of people became rich during the Han Dynasty, however they were not respected and were forced to wear white clothes and pay high taxes. | A. Farmers  
B. Soldiers  
C. Monks  
D. Merchants               |
| 7. True or False: The period of the Han Dynasty was a time of war and poverty for most of Ancient China. | A. True  
B. False                   |
| 8. What major religion first arrived in China during the Han Dynasty?   | A. Taoism  
B. Christianity  
C. Buddhism  
D. Confucianism              |
| 9. The Hans established many social rankings of respect. Which of the following occupations were considered fairly high ranking jobs? | A. Doctors  
B. Farmers  
C. Craftsman  
D. All of the Above |
| 10. What dynasty came before the Han Dynasty?                           | A. Qin  
B. Tang  
C. Ming  
D. Song                 |
A **coronavirus** is a type of virus. In fact, there are multiple different kinds. COVID-19 is the illness caused by a brand new coronavirus that hadn’t been **identified** in humans until late 2019. “CO” for corona, “VI” for virus, “D” for disease, “19” for the year it was first seen. According to the CDC, it spreads mainly from person to person when they’re in close contact, within six feet, and droplets from a cough or sneeze from someone **infected** with COVID-19 land in the nose or mouth of or gets **inhaled** by somebody else who is close by. The CDC also says that it might spread from touching surfaces where the virus is found, then touching the nose, mouth, or eyes—but, they **emphasize**, this way is less likely. So, here’s the CDC’s top tips to help limit spread and keep from getting sick: wash your hands often with water and soap for 20 seconds at least, count as you go. If you can’t wash your hands, use hand sanitizer. And try not to touch your nose, mouth, or eyes with unwashed hands. If you know someone’s sick give them space and keep your distance. And if COVID-19 starts to spread in your community, the CDC says it’s best to stay home away from large crowds. A little bit of distance can be a big help. Now, let’s talk about **symptoms**. The signs that a person might have this illness are fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms can take two to 14 days to surface. The CDC says older adults and those with health problems are more at risk. But no two cases are the same—there’s been a wide range, mild to severe. If symptoms appear it’s best to contact a medical professional. They’re best equipped to offer advice that’s **credible**. In the middle of a stressful time, it can be easy to forget that it’s best to be kind. **Anxiety** might lead people to reject certain groups, assuming that they’re at greater risk. So keep in mind, anyone can get sick no matter their race, profession or ethnic background. We’re all in this together.

**Vocabulary:** Match each vocabulary term used in the rap, with their correct definition.

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<td>coronavirus</td>
<td>a change that is a sign of some sickness, disease, or problem</td>
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<td>identified</td>
<td>nervousness or worry, usually about something that is about to happen or that you are afraid will happen</td>
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<td>infected</td>
<td>having an illness caused by bacteria or viruses in the body</td>
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<td>inhaled</td>
<td>dependable; reliable; reasonable to believe</td>
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<td>emphasize</td>
<td>to give extra attention to something</td>
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<td>symptoms</td>
<td>discovered in 2019, it is a member of the Coronaviridae family of viruses, which cause a variety of illnesses in birds and mammals and also that can sicken humans</td>
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<td>credible</td>
<td>to breathe in</td>
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<td>anxiety</td>
<td>to recognize who or what someone or something is</td>
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**Directions:** Highlight or circle the correct answer for each of the questions below.

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<td>3. COVID-19 is transmitted through:</td>
<td>a. Undercooked food</td>
<td>b. Contaminated water</td>
<td>c. Contact with infected animals</td>
<td>d. Droplets from coughs and sneezes</td>
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<td>4. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, experts say we should _____ regularly.</td>
<td>a. exercise</td>
<td>b. drink water</td>
<td>c. travel abroad</td>
<td>d. wash our hands</td>
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<td>5. Make sure to wash your hands for at least ________ seconds each time.</td>
<td>a. 10</td>
<td>b. 20</td>
<td>c. 30</td>
<td>d. 40</td>
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<td>6. It’s especially important to wash your hands before ______________.</td>
<td>a. going to bed</td>
<td>b. touching your face</td>
<td>c. coughing or sneezing</td>
<td>d. doing your homework</td>
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<td>8. Symptoms can take up to ______ days to surface.</td>
<td>a. 10</td>
<td>b. 14</td>
<td>c. 20</td>
<td>d. 28</td>
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<td>9. True or False: Elderly people and those with health problems are most at risk of severe symptoms.</td>
<td>a. True</td>
<td>b. False</td>
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<td>10. If you experience symptoms, it’s best to __________________.</td>
<td>a. Go to school</td>
<td>b. Contact a doctor</td>
<td>c. Play your favorite sport</td>
<td>d. Spend time with your friends</td>
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