

- 1) **What are the major beliefs of Neo-Confucianism?**
  - a) Reinterpretation of Confucian ideas
  - b) Believed that humanity's job was to create a balanced relationship with the universe
  - c) Believed abstract knowledge of the world was unimportant unless combined with self-reflection that cultivated good moral behavior
  - d) Believed that self-improvement would help create a harmonious society
- 2) **Describe at least one way the wisdom tradition/religion you studied helped create social cohesion between 1200-1450 C.E**
  - a) Tang dynasty fell apart, Buddhism was rejected by three scholars
    - i) Tang emperor also rejected Buddhism, so more people agreed
    - ii) Wanted to reinstate the Confucian Way
      - (1) Took elements from Buddhism and Daoism
  - b) Spread to Korea, Japan and Vietnam
    - i) Philosophy of religion was studied in schools
- 3) **Describe at least one way the wisdom tradition/religion you studied gave people a sense of purpose between 1200-1450 C.E**
  - a) The goal is to achieve harmony
    - i) Believe there is a unique enlightened path to reach positive social conformity
  - b) Neo-Confusions has purpose in i'm always promoting their vision of human flourishing
    - i) Overall unity
  - c) Sought out to become "worthy"
    - i) Dedicated time and mind to self improvement
- 4) **Describe at least one way the wisdom tradition/religion you studied institutes a form or forms of social control between 1200-1450 C.E**
  - a) The neo cofusion movement created a symbiotic alinement between the ideas of self betterment and concern for the government and society.
  - b) Created the idea that the success of the government directly affected them
    - i) created the idea that humans are inherently good and that personal sacrifice is worth it for the greater good of society.
    - ii) Also teaches creativity and that everything is improvable through personal and communal endeavors.