

Rise to Power

When a dynasty is rising to power, the following usually happens:

- The land, government and people are conquered by new rulers
- New leadership is established
- New or improved systems of government are used
- The empire strengthens and expands its borders
- The empire builds its military
- Trade is promoted
- Improvements in agriculture are made
- New religions are introduced, or old ones are strengthened
- Money is spent on *necessary* public works projects (repairs are made to existing buildings, roads, waterways and water supply systems)

Height of Power

When a dynasty is at the height of power, the following usually happens:

- Money is spent on *grand* public works projects (new public roads, waterways, buildings, parks, palaces, religious buildings, etc.)
- The arts are promoted (literature, painting, architecture, drama, poetry)
- Trade thrives
- Cities become great cultural and business centers
- The economy prospers
- Religion spreads and flourishes
- The empire continues to expand its territory
- The people are generally treated well
- Education is promoted and scholars are brought into the empire

Fall from Power

When a dynasty falls from power, the following usually happens:

- Leaders become more interested in court life than in ruling the empire
- The rulers spend large amounts of money on their personal projects
- The empire suffers economic problems
- Trading routes close or are taken over, and commerce declines
- The people are overtaxed
- The leaders misrule
- The people are treated badly
- The empire suffers attacks from outside invaders
- The empire suffers political problems and rebellions occur
- Cultural and religious life suffers