**Imperial Strategies in the Early Chinese Empires**

0.1 – Schedule at a Glance

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| **THEME** | **Readings before the class** | **Key Lessons** | **Assets** | **Discussions/Assessments** |
| **Before the module** | * 0.2 - About this Module for Students |  | * 0.0 - Module Lesson Plan * 0.1 - Schedule at a Glance * 0.2 - About this Module (for students) |  |
| **Lesson 1: Introduction and Theorizing Empires** | * + 1.1 - Reading 1: Imperial Strategies and Pre-Han World | * Introduce the module and lesson plan * Discuss empires and why they expand, as well as what strategies they use to do so * Introduce the Western Zhou and its imperial strategies * Begin primary source analysis of Western Zhou and Qin imperial sources | * 1.0 - Presentation * 1.1 - Reading 1 * 1.2a – Discussion: Theorizing Empire * 1.2b - Discussion Instructor Guide: Theorizing Empire * 1.3a – Discussion: Western Zhou Map Activity * 1.3b – Discussion Instructor Guide: Western Zhou Map Activity * 1.4 - Primary Sources: Western Zhou and Qin Imperial Strategies * 1.4a – Assignment: Primary Source Analysis * 1.4b - Assignment Instructor Guide: Primary Source Analysis | * 1.2a – Discussion: Theorizing Empire * 1.3a – Discussion: Western Zhou Map Activity * 1.4a – Assignment: Primary Source Analysis |
| **Lesson 2:**  **Early Imperial Strategies** | * + 1.4 - Primary Sources: Western Zhou and Qin Imperial Strategies   + 2.1 – Reading 2: The First Centralized Empire | * Review and discuss the strategies of the Western Zhou and Qin through primary source analysis * Introduce Han empire, begin to analyze its imperial strategies, and compare to those used by the Zhou and Qin | * 2.0 – Presentation * 2.1 – Reading 2: The First Centralized Empire * 2.2a – Discussion: Han Map Activity * 2.2b – Discussion Instructor Guide: Han Map Activity | * 2.2a – Discussion: Han Map Activity |
| **Lesson 3:**  **Exploring Han Expansion** | * 3.1 - Reading 3: Han Expansion | * Gather evidence to answer questions about how and why Han leaders expanded to the north, west, and south * Begin group-work on primary sources on Han expansion north, west, and south | * 3.0 – Presentation * 3.1 - Reading 3: Han Expansion * 3.2a - Primary Sources: The North * 3.2b - Primary Sources: Central Asia * 3.2c – Primary Sources: The South * 3.3a – Group Work: Han Expansion Primary Source Analysis * 3.3b – Group Work Instructor Guide: Han Expansion Primary Source Analysis | * 3.3a – Group Work: Han Expansion Primary Source Analysis |
| **Lesson 4: Explaining Han Expansion** | * 3.2a - Primary Sources: The North * 3.2b - Primary Sources: Central Asia * 3.2c – Primary Sources: The South | * Compare evidence from different regions to assess how consistent the Han court was in its motivations and strategies * Move from analysis to synthesis, with the aim of explaining the success of the Han court in expanding its empire | * 4.0 – Presentation * 4.1a – Discussion: Explaining Han expansion * 4.1b – Discussion Instructor Guide: Explaining Han Expansion * 4.2a – Final Assessment * 4.2b – Final Assessments Instructor Guide | * 4.1a – Discussion: Explaining Han expansion * 4.2a – Final Assessment |