**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)
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| **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
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| **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
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| **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
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| **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
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