12-2 Notes

* The Tang dynasty brought peace to China and gave land to the farmers.
* They improved irrigation and introduced new ways of growing crops. Like new improved rice.
* Tang rulers improved roads and waterways which increased trade – of items such as silk and PORCELAIN –items made from fine clay and baked at high temperatures –AKA China
* Tang and Song dynasties brought many new technologies – COAL for heating and STEEL for weapons and tools.
* The Chinese created the printing process – first with a wood block then with moveable type.
* The first printed book is the Diamond Sutra.
* Other Chinese inventions are: gunpowder, rudders and sails for ships, and the compass.
* Chinese rulers supported the arts
* Li Bo was one of the most popular poets of the Tang dynasty and often wrote about nature.
* Du Fu was a poor civil servant who wrote poems about the suffering of the common people.
* The painting of LANDSCAPES became widespread during the SONG dynasty.
* Painters often wrote poetry on their works in CALLIGRAPHY – the art of writing beautifully