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## **Medieval China**

- **1.** From the early 7th century, China was ruled by the Tang dynasty.
- **2.** The rule of Tang dynasty (618 AD 906 AD) was followed by the Sung dynasty for about 300 years.
- 3. After this, for about 100 years China was ruled by the Mongols.
- **4.** The rule of the Mongols in China was followed by that of Ming dynasty which continued for about 300 years.
- **5.** In 1644, China was conquered by the Manchus who continued to rule until 1911 AD.

## **Contributions of Medieval China**

- **1.** To prevent drain on the country's wealth the Sung rulers started the use of paper-money.
- 2. The invention of gun-powder was made in China in the 10th century about 400 years before the knowledge reached the Western World.
- **3.** The Chinese made iron chain suspension bridges as early as the 10<sup>th</sup> century.
- **4.** The Chinese devised the first method of printing in 10th century. The importance of this invention for the spread of knowledge was as great as the invention of paper.

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