**The Restoration of the Chinese Empire under the Tang**

This site explores the Chinese Empire and its restoration.

[http://www-chaos.umd.edu/history/imperial2.html](http://wps.ablongman.com/long_stearns_wcap_4/18/4648/1190111.cw/content/index.html)

**Questions for exploration.**

1.One of the achievements of the Tang administrative order was that it attempted to broaden the base of power. How did the Tang attempt to broaden and liberalize the bureaucracy nonetheless ultimately serve to concentrate power in the hands of a few?

2.What role did the neo-Confucian philosophy of Zhu Xi, so liberal and humanistic, become a means of supporting a rigid of political hierarchy?