**The Empress Wu Zetian**

This site evaluates place in Chinese history of reign of Empress Wu Zetian of the Tang Dynasty.

[http://womeninworldhistory.com/heroine6.html](http://wps.ablongman.com/long_stearns_wcap_4/18/4648/1190111.cw/content/index.html)

**Questions for exploration.**

1.) What was the status of women during the Tang Dynasty?

2.) What aspect of traditional court politics in the pre-modern world did Wu's political struggles exemplify?

3.) In what ways did she seek to raise the status of women? According to this essay, the Empress Wu's rule was both constructive and tyrannical. What was an example of each of these aspects of her administration?