7.22 Summarize the significance of the rapid agricultural, commercial, and technological development during the Song Dynasties
Song Dynasty

- China entered into a period of disorder after the collapse of the Tang
  - Lasted for 53 years
  - “The Period of Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms”
- Song Dynasty reunited China in 960 CE
  - Ruled for 300 years
Song Dynasty Achievements

- Expanded Trade
  - Traded with India, Persia, and Middle East along the Silk Road
  - Became expert shipbuilders and became a naval power
Song Dynasty Achievements

- Made improvements in farming which increased food production
  - Fast ripening rice could be harvested 2-3 times a year
  - New methods of farming
- Led to population increases and increases in trade
Song Dynasty Achievements

- Technological innovations
  - Moveable type and block printing
  - Paper money
  - Porcelain
  - Gunpowder
  - Magnetic compass