**Slavery in Rome and China**

**(Classwork – Requires Slavery in Rome and China Reading)**

**Pre-Thoughts:**

1. Give some clarification of what the word **slavery** means. Attempt to define it in a few sentences.
2. Produce a compare/contrast THESIS statement based on the given information about the attitudes towards slaves in the two documents. (remember – just a thesis statement)
3. Why might slavery have been less important in Han China than in the Roman Empire? Why would the treatment of slaves have been less harsh in China than in Rome?
4. The new push in discussing issues of slavery diachronically and thematically is to refer to the practice as “forced labor systems”. Why would historians prefer to use the term “forced labor systems” instead of “slavery”?
5. Discuss how your initial definition of slavery might now be changed to better fit the model of the comparative Rome and China readings? In other words, how could you define the theme - “forced labor systems”?