# **Historical Princess Study Guide**

# General of the "Army of the Lady" Princess Zhao of Pingyang



Princess Pingyang

Born: ??

Father: Emperor Gaozu of Tang

Mother: Duchess Dou

Spouse: Chai Shao

Children: Chai Zhewei, Chai Lingwu

General of the "Army of the Lady": 617AD

Died: 623AD

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princess\_Ping

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## Art from the Tang Dynasty





#### **Non-Fiction Book List**

"How to Be a Princess: Real-Life Fairy Tales for Modern Heroines" by, K. Birchall

"China's Tang Dynasty" by, H. Millar

"China's Golden Age" by, C Benn

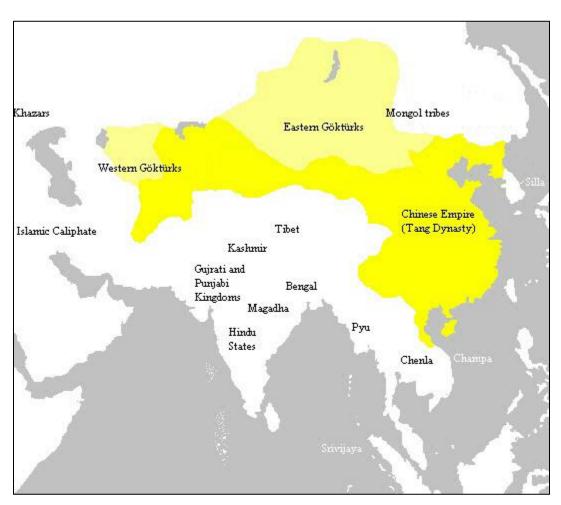
## Tang Dynasty Era Literature and Historical Fiction

"Maples in the Mist, Children's Poems from the Tang Dynasty"

"Chinese Dragons" by RA Montgomery

"Brush of the Gods" by, L. Look

## Map of the Tang Dynasy 618 - 907AD



### **Discussion or Essay Questions**

- 1. Research and discuss the "Army of the Lady" or the "Woman's Army."
- 2. Pingyang hid at first, before gathering an army. Why do you think she did that? What do you think gave her the courage to fight?
- 3. Discuss why the Tang Dynasty was considered the "Golden Age" of China.
- 4. Did Pingyang get to experience this Golden Age?
- 5. Princess Zhao of Pingyang has been said to be the real life inspiration for Disney's Mulan. Look at the art above. Do you think that Disney got their inspiration from the Tang Dynasty and Princess Pingyang? Why or why not?

#### Activities

- Make a timeline; include important dates like when Princess Zhao of Pingyang was born, died, etc.
- Make a family tree of the Tang Dynasty
- Research important places, where Princess Zhao lived, where she traveled, where family members came from, where battles took place, etc. Mark each place on the maps.
- Choose a book to read from the list above and write a report on what you learned.
- Study Art, Science from the Tang Dynasty



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