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Empress Wu Zetian: The Empress Who Ruled China

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss the significance of Empress Wu Zetian's rise to power as the only female emperor in Chinese history and its impact on gender roles.
2. Analyze the political reforms and advancements in education implemented by Empress Wu Zetian during her reign and their lasting effects on Chinese society.
3. Explore the role of Empress Wu Zetian in the spread of Buddhism in China and its cultural implications.
4. Debate the varying perspectives on Empress Wu Zetian's legacy, considering her achievements and controversies, and the impact of her rule on Chinese history.

