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Empress Wu Zetian: The Empress Who Ruled China

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

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

