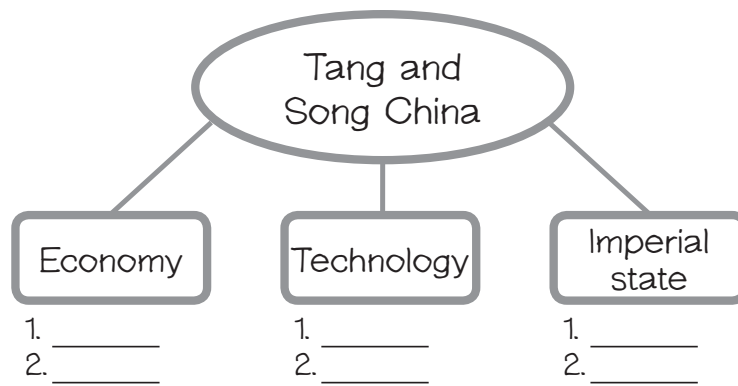


## Reading Skill and Strategy

### Reading Skill: Finding Main Ideas

The practice of finding main ideas can further your understanding of events, people, and places in history. A main idea is a statement that sums up the most important point of a paragraph or passage. Complete the chart below by entering essential information about the main idea of Lesson 2—that many advances were made during the Tang and Song dynasties. Answering the questions that follow will help you finish this task.



### READING STRATEGY: QUESTIONS

1. Read “Prosperity from Trade and Farming.” Then provide details about changes in trade and transport, farming, and commerce that support the main idea that China’s economy grew under Tang and Song rule.

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2. List some of the technological developments made under the Tang and Song. What was the impact of these developments?

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3. What steps did the Tang use to build an imperial state?

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