Source 2: A Record of Buddhistic Kingdoms(394-414CE)

Authors: Faxian or Fa-hsien

414 CE

*Background information: Fa-hsien was a Buddhist monk. At the age of 25 he traveled to India to learn about Buddhism there and to discover authentic Buddhist writings. His traveled throughout Southeast Asia, recovered a large quantity of Buddhist writings, and returned to China where translated them. A Record of Buddhistic Kingdoms (394-414CE) is an account of the journey he took.*

# Vocabulary

magistrates—government officials

cultivate—farm

corporal punishment—physical punishment.

Chandalas—a member of the lower caste, outcast or Untouchable.

All south from this is named the Middle Kingdom. In it the cold and heat are finely balanced, and there is neither frost nor snow. The people are numerous and happy; they have not to register their households, or attend to any *magistrates* and their rules; only those who *cultivate* the royal land have to pay some of their income from it. If they want to go, they go; if they want to stay on, they stay. The king governs without beheading or other *corporal punishments.* Criminals are simply fined, lightly or heavily, according to the circumstances. Even in the cases or repeated attempts at wicked rebellion, they only have their right hands cut off. The king's body-guards and attendants all have salaries. Throughout the whole country the people do not kill any living creature, nor drink intoxicating liquor, nor eat onions or garlic. The only exception is that of the *Chandalas* or outcasts. That is the name for those regarded as wicked men, and live apart from others. When they enter the gate of a city or a market-place, they strike a piece of wood to make themselves known, so that men know and avoid them, and do not come into contact with them. In that country they do not keep pigs and fowls, and do not sell live cattle; in the markets there are no butchers' shops and no dealers in intoxicating drink....Only the Chandalas a fishermen and hunters, and sell flesh meat.

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Annotation and Evidence Collection Chart

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| Author: Who wrote this source? *Circle the name of the author.* Why is this person writing this source? |
| When did he/she write the source? *Underline the date.*  Was it written during the time that you are studying? |
| Summarize the source: What is this source about? |
| How would the author respond to the central question? |
| Evidence: How do you know? Quote or paraphrase from the source. |

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| Source #3: |
| Author: Who wrote this source? *Circle the name of the author.* Why is this person writing this source? |
| When did he/she write the source? *Underline the date.*  Was it written during the time that you are studying? |
| Summarize the source: What is the source about? |
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