



Hip Hop History: The Chinese Empire

Verse:

China was unified under the Qin the
First emperor was Shi Huangdi
To defend the empire, from nomad warriors
They built the **Great Wall** along the northern border
Shi Huangdi began to **standardize**
Many aspects of Chinese daily life
He greatly valued **Legalism**
With a strong leader and strong legal system
He decided to ban, or **ensor,**
Ideas he found dangerous or offensive
The Han was the next dynasty to come along
They avoided harsh rule, but kept many Qin laws
The government was organized like a pyramid
Emperor, **officials,** towns, and villages
The government was strong and the reason it worked is
Employees were selected based on skills, **civil service**
The **Silk Road,** a network of trade routes
Connected China with the rest of Asia
They exchanged silk and other luxury goods
It enriched their **cuisine** or the way they cook
Agriculture grew, so did industry
Iron and salt production formed **monopolies**
Art and music was big, you see
The art of beautiful writing is **calligraphy**

Chorus:

Wha-Wha-What should governments do?
How strict should they be with laws and rules?
How much control should they have when a business booms?
Wha-Wha-Wha-What should governments do?