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Guided notes- Ming and Qing Dynasty

**What is a Dynasty?**

* A series of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who passed the kingship to their heirs until a contender (usually forcibly) removed the last king in the dynasty from power.
* There are roughly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dynasties beginning in 2070 BC and ending in 1911 with the Chinese Revolution and the establishment of the Republic of China.
* The Ming and Qing dynasties will be the last 2 of these respectively.

**Early Ming Dynasty**

* Between 1300-1400, the Ming were probably the best skilled sailors in the world.
  + Used ships called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: 400 feet long.
  + ~1100, China had invented and used the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + By 1405, a Chinese fleet sailed across the Indian Ocean and reached the Arabian Peninsula.
* How did this compare to Europeans?
* The Chinese had the potential to be the leading sea power in the world.
* And then suddenly, it all stopped. But, why?

**The Northern Frontier**

* Why was the wall reinforced during the Ming Dynasty?
* Ming emperors wanted to make sure that no central Asian people ever conquered China again.
* What to do to ensure that?
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Great Wall of China.
  + Send soldiers to live on the frontier.
  + Give gifts to nomadic people living on the frontier so they don’t unite and fight the Ming Dynasty
* This all costs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Chinese can’t afford to explore overseas and protect the interior. They choose to protect the interior.

**Negative Attitudes towards Trade**

* Ming emperors wanted to be self-sufficient.
* Didn’t want to have to rely on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trade as a source of government revenue.
* Didn’t think there were enough benefits.
* How does this differ than European systems?

**The End of a Dynasty**

* The Ming Empire lasted about 270 years and then collapsed mainly from within as rival groups carved up sections of the empire for themselves and fought for supremacy.
* Natural disasters, famine and economic chaos convinced many people that the Ming had lost the **Mandate of** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + An ancient political idea that Heaven selects an emperor and that an emperor's failure as a god spells disaster for his empire.
* Question #2: was the expansion of the wall effective at keeping invaders out?

**Qing Dynasty**

* Despite Ming attempts at blocking outside invasions, they failed.
* Tribes united in Manchuria and managed to retake Beijing; called themselves the Manchu.
* The Qing emperors were not Chinese, but they adopted Chinese ways.

**Economy in Qing China**

* Despite not being able to trade overseas, the economy did well.
* Used rivers to trade throughout the country.
* Farming was a huge industry planting crops such as: rice, wheat, and tea.

**Problems of the Qing Dynasty**

* Population grew rapidly under the Qing rulers: swelled to over 400 million people by the mid-1800s.
* Put a lot of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the government:
  + Corruption in courts made them inefficient.
  + Bureaucrats demanded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in return for gov’t service.
  + Peasant farmers found it difficult to sustain their farms and in turn, their families.
  + Floods and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in various parts of China made it worse.
  + Western pressure to gain economic control intensified.

**White Lotus Rebellion**

* In 1796 discontent over increased taxes and growing government inefficiency led to a peasant rebellion.
* Members of a Buddhist cult called the White Lotus Society led the revolt, which was called the **White Lotus** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Despite restoring order, the Qing government was seriously \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* It appeared that the Qing may have lost the mandate from heaven as well.