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- Tributary System
 - Been around for a while
- Modern scholars don't agree
- Way that Chinese empire organized their relations
 - Fundamentally related to Confucianism.
 - Reciprocal
 - Exchange of Gifts
 - * Emperors lost money on deals
 - * Can't let poor people look like they give better gifts than you
- Maintain relations
- Establish emperor as highest power
 - People travel to empire to get gifts, makes you seem powerful
 - Not exchange above equals
 - Hierarchy
 - Shinier tribute, wealthier person
- Way to establish trade and stuff that you couldn't before
- Trade privileges
 - more tributes, more exclusive stuff
- Maintain relationship so you can trade with them
- Cultural exchange
 - By accepting Imperial House as greatest and tributes, accepting Confucianism
 - Expand influence and Confucianism
- Maintenance of norms more important to money to court.
- Diplomacy
 - Tribute norms is a way to engage in diplomacy
 - Maintain relationships
 - * Between enemies too
 - * Norms are inherited
- Ritual grieving, send support
- Justification to expand bureaucracy
 - Each tributing group gets a representative