# 1 | Ming China in the 1500s

## 1.1 | China has a lot going for it

- Population 100-130 Mil (Europe has 50-55)
- · Complicated and remarkable culture
- · Large irrigated and fertile land

## 1.1.1 | Riches in technology

- · Huge, state organized libraries
- · Movable type printing
- Compass
- · Large ships

### 1.1.2 | Advanced trade

- · Stimulated by canal-building and pop. pressures
- · Large iron industry for army and government
- · Gunpowder
- · Larger cities then medieval Europe

### 1.2 | Zheng He + Seafaring

See Zheng He + Seafaring KBhHIST201ZhengHeSeafaring
Also the link above details **some reasons why China closed its trade route**.

### 1.3 | Economic Corruption

See KBhHIST201ChinasDecline1500 China's Economic Decline in the 1500s

### 1.4 | China's Woes

See KBhHIST201ChinaWoes1500China's Woes in the 1500s

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· Problem: china conqurs you

So... Either:

- 1. Retreat and defend the southern heartland
- 2. Larger barbarians leads larger people => then... Sinufication

KangXi the renaissance man

- Showed himself as a Manchu who rids and works to the Manchus
- Showed himself as a well-read guy to the Chinese

Reminder: trade resumed!!