

## **1.Brief Introduction**

Zhu Yuanzhang (October 21, 1328 – June 24, 1398) whose original given name is “chongba (means double eight) ” and who styled himself as “yuanzhang”. He was the founding emperor of Ming Dynasty, reigning from 1368 to 1398, whose reigning title is “Hongwu”

## **2. Personal Experience**

When he was in his adolescence, because of a serious famine caused by corrupt government, he became a beggar and soon joined the revolt to show his discontent towards the Yuan Dynasty. During years of war, he gradually showed his leadership and finally he made it to grasp the top of power.

During his governing, he spared no efforts to make people live better owing to his adolescence. To achieve it, he worked over sixteen hours per day. Another characteristic of his governing is incorrupt. He strongly knew that why his army can defeat Yuan's. During his reign, corruption is absolutely forbidden. According to statistics, he had killed 150,000 people in total.

### 3.Reasons for his greatness

So, the first reason I think is his unique experience. As the only person who was from the poor to an emperor, he achieve it through his diligence and unremitting strive. Second, his attitude toward corrupt is also worth-to-learning and through his experience we can know what if when the government become corrupt.

Last but not least, from historical perspective his success against Yuan Dynasty symbol the renaissance of ancient China, during his reign, The Ming Dynasty regain the influence to neighboring country, paving the way for Zhen He's expedition.