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**1 | On China, Ropp. (63 - 70)****1.1 | Fall + aftermath of the Qing Empire (1800 - 1920)**

- European powers competing for world dom through trade and warfare
- chinese trade sucked
  - British traders became frustrated
  - But they liked the chinese products alot and were buying alot of them
- Merchants ranked low in confucian vlue system
- trade to the Qing gov was not for generationg wealth but rather more like a charity granted to the "barbarians"
  - In exchange, they would pay respects to the son of heaven and his court?
- Led to bad trade conditions for the british merchants
- denied british requests for better env, emporer said
  - standard emperor's command to his lowly subjects: "Tremblingly obey and show no negligence!"
  - fun.
- The emperor's condescending attitude reflected how little he under stood the power reali- ties of the world at the end of the eighteenth cen- tury.
- Opium got added to the mix,
  - changed the flow from basicly soley china -> britin (tea) to britin -> chin (opium)
- Opium addiction went crazy
- Totally killed trade surplus
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