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## 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 than 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 [KBhHIST201ChinaWoes1500](#) China's Woes in the 1500s

### 1.5 | CN 09302020

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- Problem: china conquers 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