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Situations with Europe, pre 1500

1500, the date chosen ... to mark the divide between modern and pre-modern times.

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The Early Global Players

Although it was not evident to see Europe's boom in the 1500 in, well, the 1500, there were definitely great centres of the world at the time.

Before investigating the causes of European rise, it is necessary to examine the strengths and the weaknesses of the other contenders.

Ming China

ADVANCED in tech. ADVANCED in structure. SUPERIOR in culture: Ming China was extremely technologically advanced and culturally strong. It was the biggest state + economy in Asia.

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The Ottomans

When China was failing, the Ottomans grow w/ Islam — Ottomans were the largest muslim nation in Europe + a serious threat to Christendom.

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The Europeans' Rise

Guiding question: so, how did scattered Europeans become the number 1 world player from feudal tribes?

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Based on the [KBhHIST201HistModHist](#) Models of History Systems, there are two theories under which Kennedy's analysis could be evaluated.

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 - War as a form of trade strength
 - Europe lead the world to transformation from territorialist to capitalist model
- Kennedy deux. Predatory Theory
 - War as an end in and of itself
 - Growth in expansion correlated to success with mil. tech.
- Growth through Exploitation
- Protestant Work Ethic
- Geol, Geog, Luck

Why Kennedy is Frustrating

Kennedy's arguments is very frustrating.

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