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1 | Qing in the 1500s, But also other things

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- Akbar's rule of the Mughals
 - Tried to align his subject's interests to the Mughal's interest
 - Goal was to maintain adequate compensation and preventing officials from unjust enrichment by overtaxing the peasants who could then not work on government projects
 - Directed administration to award land revenue salary instead of assigning land
 - Value of government official based on cost w.r.t. operating military men
 - a local commander = 500 men
 - a provincial government = 5000 men
 - First model of separation of powers between government and military
 - Prevented financial corruption
 - Made constant transfers and deferrals
 - Prevented passing on of wealth to offspring
 - His minister, Todar Mal, made tax collection proportional to value generation
 - So bad crop year could pay less tax
 - Prevented overluxuriation and benefitted peasants
 - Favored appointment of native born over foreign — due to pledges of loyalty to Mughal state: promoting religious indignity
- CLAIM: Melded together Mughal and indigenous elites
 - Encouraged intermarriage
 - Reforms aimed at selling Mughal to other people
 - All official appointments are treated as gifts from the emperor
 - Gave grants to Muslim and Hindu cultural institutions
 - Supported the arts and sciences
- Akbar made empire popular by pimping it up
 - Improved living quarters
 - Regulation of school
 - System of laws
 - Challenged the patriarchy and improved the role of woman
 - Discouraged child marriages and encouraged remarrying of widows
- Intended all of his social reform to support his object of *sulh-i-kul* => universal harmony. (Not a fan of *raison d'état*, I see)
- The Portuguese
 - Acted as middlemen between Venitians, Arabs, and Turks
 - Traded spices and cotton
 - Served as foundation of Western medicines
 - De Gama's Explorations
 - Invaded port of good hope in Africa
 - Disguised as Muslim traders

- When about to be kicked out, fought and burned the city
- Zamorin also got scammed by de Gama too
 - Convinced that he was a pirate
 - Did not drive off, and permitted to trade
 - Kidnapped some local fishermen for crew along the way
- Eventually, setup a larger network of trade
- Mughals saw the Portuguese, and wanted to curtail them
 - Resorted to a model of compromise => "Gave free passage to ships in exchange for pilgrims on their way to Mecca"
 - Portuguese, Dutch, and English collectively tried to "interfere in international shipping"
 - Seizure of a ship by practicing Hindu
 - Mughals eventually partnered with English and Dutch to try to curtail the Portuguese and create competition
 - English and Dutch both adopted the Portuguese model
 - Mughals tried to create strategic partnership with European cultures
 - Ordered Christian symbolism to be painted
 - Europeans impressed with Mughal style that Mogul became associated with power