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#flo #ref #disorganized

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 solely china -> britin (tea) to britin -> chin (opium)
- Opium addiction went crazy
- Totally killed trade surplus
- Chinese gov destroyed a bunch of opium, britian sent warships
- Totally chrushed chinese forces
- led to the british taking control over the policies, and increased opium trade a bunch
- bunch of rebelions occured, see pg. 66.5
- Japan beat the Qing in a war, got taiwan?
 - Becuase of this, other governments backed off on China out of fear that it would collapse
- Also led to (lots of) civil unrest
- Heavy westernization occured
- reformers got crushed, conservatives seized control of the court
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