Source: [KBHistoryMasterIndex]

1 | **Mughals in the 1600s**

#flo #disorganized

- 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 form 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 corruptiona
            - 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 peseants
    - Favored appointement 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
        - Reformes 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 quaters
        - Regulation of school
        - System of laws
        - Challenged the patriarchy and improved the role of woman
        - Discouraged child marriages and encouraged remarrying of widowns

    - Intended all of his social reform to support his object of *sulh-i-kul* => universal harmony. (Not a fan of *raison d'etat, I see*)

    - The Porchuguese

        - 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
  - Evenutally, setup a larger network of trade

- Mughals saw the Porchuguese, 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
  - Porchuguese, Dutch, and English collectively tried te "interfere in international shiping
    - Seisure of a ship by practicing Hindu
  - Mughals eventually partnered with english and dutch to try to curtail the porchuguese and create competiton
  - English and Dutch both adopted the porchuguese model
  - Mugals tried to create strategic partnership with European cultures
    - Ordered christian symbolism to be painted
    - Europeans impressed with Mugal style that Mogul became associated with power

- Aurangzeb's rule

  - Orthodox muslim
    - Took religious values over tradition
    - Dismaltiled Mughal's multicultralism
      - Banned music and dance
      - Enforced islam codes of pubilc conduct via censors
      - Halt constructions of new Hindu temples
      - Attack established structuers
      - Reimposed the jizya payment in leu of state service that is demanded from non-muslims
      - Enforced system of jizya payments that had to be done while chanting about inferoity
      - Opposed appointing hindus to highest ranks
    - Hindus and other non-muslim cultural icons lamented this
    - Shah Janan's army campaigns increased tax revenue to meet higher expectations
      - Hindu agricultural exploration fell hardest
      - Shivaji contradicted the Mughal court
        - Which means, he got quickly struck down
        - Escaped the court, and went to the Marathas
        - 1674-1680 started invading Mughals in gurilla campaigns
        - Which, is a self-deprecating loop — causing Auranzb to invest even MORE moneyon fighting
          - Created the Marathas empire
      - Muhammed Akbar opposed his fathers rules
        - Fled to Arabia
        - Tortured and killed son of Shiviaji
    - Also started a struggle with the Briting East India Company
      - Started complaining of higher taxes
      - Interpreted their license to say that they would only need to pay taxes at major international ports
      - In defense, the company declared war against the Mughals
      - The Mughals retaliated by destroying corporate stations

- Eventually forced negotiations to sink Muslim ships bound for Mecca
          - Eventually forced back into trade negotiations after a larger fine
          - This incident humiliated both the Mughals and the company — displeasing European directors
        - Fights of independence broke out amoung the Marathas and the Hindu-predominant north between 1674-1680
    - In the end, Aurangzeb ended his life noting "I don't know who I am, nor what I have been doing"
    - Marathas won great parts of Mughal territory
        - Empire's rulers force to pay tribute to Marathas
        - Others paid a largely symbolic to the Mughals

#disorganized #flo

- India is very hard to rule in a very centralized way

    - Deccan plateu to the south

        - Hard to conquer
        - Have to re-conquer because people did not respect his rule

    - Gangatic plain to the north

        - Easy to conquer

    - Rajputs

        - Small city-states with isolated rules
        - With independent principalities

And now, we are comparing palaces?

- Chende constructed to match people's religions

    - Instead of meeting people in the impressively Han seat of power, meet at a more relaxed place
    - Both asserted power in the main palace and appeased ethnicity in the summer palace

- Agra constructed to be a mix of religions

    - Instead of meeting people in the strictly Muslim seat of power, meet at a more…. fortified place
    - Both asserted power in to Tokata and appeased ethnicity in the summer palace