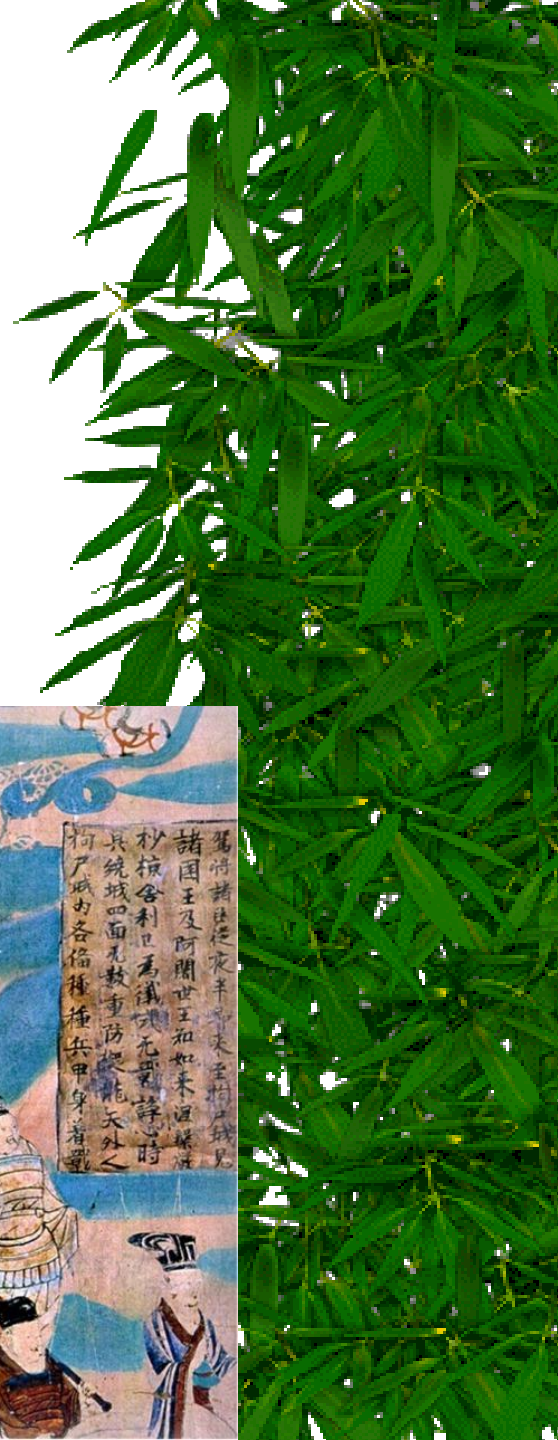


# China, after the fall of the Han Dynasty

581-1279 AD...leading up to the

Mongol takeover



# I've fallen and I can't get up!

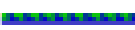


 Review with me:

- Weak rulers
- Too big!
- Power of government declined
- Nobles took more land
- Peasant unrest
- Nomadic raiders from the North (Xiongnu)
- Capital of Lyoyang sacked (can anyone say, “Rome”?)

(Highlight the similarities now)





-  Great Wall
  -  Land under the rule of the Han Dynasty
  -  Current boundaries of China and Mongolia
- 0 1000km

# SWAY-eet!!

- 📖 Followed by 400 years of nothingness.....civil war and fear spread 😞
- 📖 Finally, in 581, the Sui (SWAY) Dynasty formed
  - Grand Canal (used forced labor)
  - Cruel...emperor Sui was murdered
  - Why did the Sui Dynasty end?





# Oh so Tang!

- 📄 (sounds like Tong)...like what you use to scoop salad
- 📄 618-907 AD
- 📄 Stabilize the economy!- give land to peasants
- 📄 But very wasteful of empire funds 😞
- 📄 Revolts led to collapse in 907
- 📄 Why did the Tang Dynasty end?





# Sing me a Song!

📄 (sounds like “Soong)

📄 960-1279

📄 Happy days are here again!

📄 Problems with Northern neighbors...Mongolian barbeque anyone?

📄 By the late 1200s, the Mongols had taken over China and then some

📄 Why did the Song Dynasty end?







# Life after the fall of the Han

- 📖 Still based on Confucius
- 📖 Still a monarchy (Mandate of Heaven)
- 📖 Still a large and strong economy
- 📖 Still farmers (mostly)
- 📖 NOT like Europe's economy (no feudalism...the govt. fought against large landowners...but like feudalism in that few people ever left their village)
- 📖 Where would you have rather lived? Feudal Europe, or in China? Why?





Remember me? I'm Confucius! I've been dead for a long time now (I was born in 500 AD!)... but I'm still looked on with respect and adoration...It's good to be Confucius!



# Technology after the Han

- 📖 Guns, Germs, and STEEL...the Chinese had steel
- 📖 Cotton
- 📖 Gunpowder!!
- 📖 Silk Road flourished
- 📖 Changan, richest city in the world!!  
From trade






Remember Jared Diamond's theory about "Guns, Germs, and Steel"??? China is looking pretty powerful!

Remember me?  
I'm a silk worm



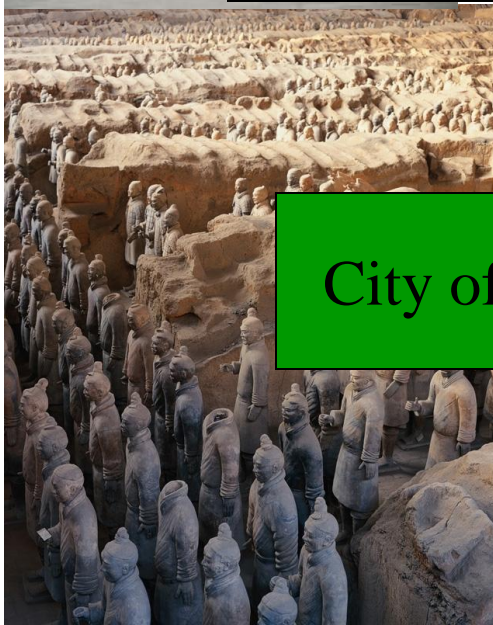
 Now that China has created steel and discovered gunpowder, make a prediction-what will China be able to accomplish because of this?



# Ancient Changan

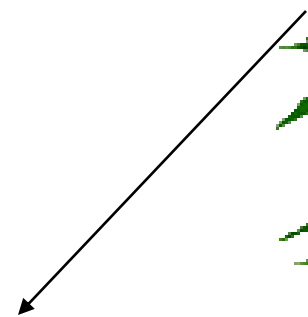


Ancient city wall



City of terra-cotta soldiers

Starting point of the Silk Road

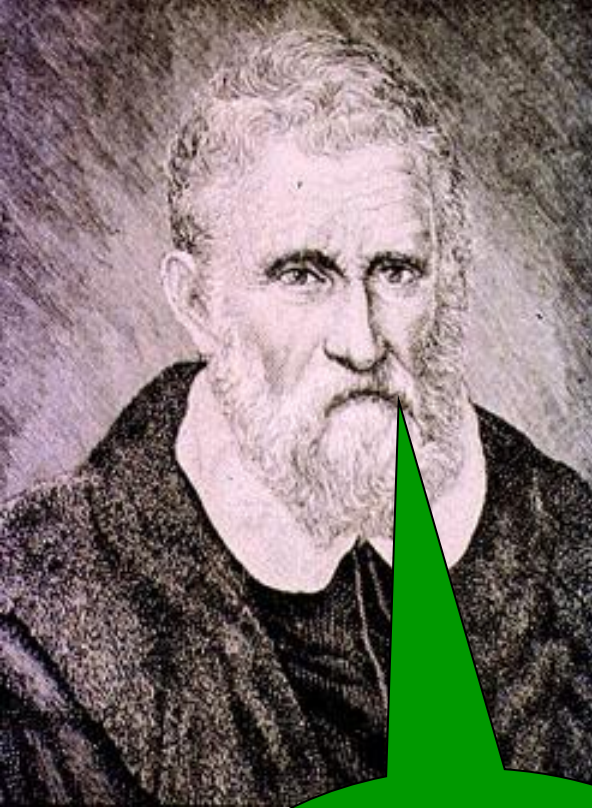


# Marco? Polo!!

- 📖 Marco Polo, an Italian merchant, visited Hangzhou in the 1200s, and was really impressed-called it “paradise”
- 📖 How did Marco Polo lead to more trade in Europe?
- 📖 Anyone for a game of chess?
- 📖 Not a great time to be a girl 😞 Girls usually sold off to rich families

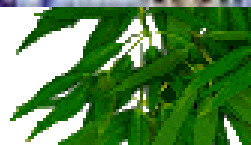






## Marco Polo and his travels

I am amazing.  
Look at all the  
Places I've  
been!



# The not-so-joys of being a girl in Song China (900-1200 AD)

Beauty = pain, literally

Results of foot binding

