Tang and Song Dynasties



Warm Up Question (March 7)

 Why did the Ottoman Empire and Safavid Empire decline? Provide 2 examples for each.

Warm Up Question (March 14, 2016)

When you think of Korea and Japanese culture, what are three things that automatically come to mind?

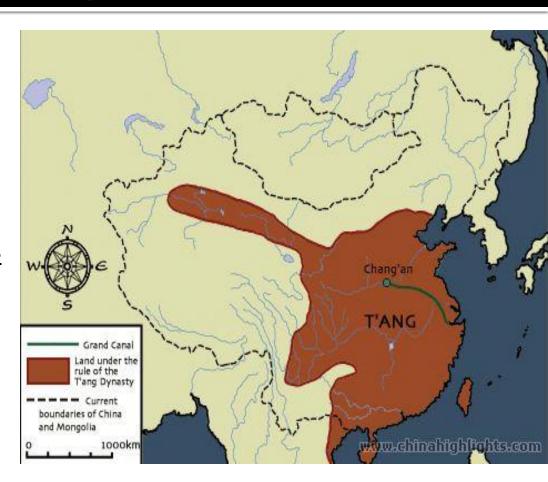
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- 2)
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Warm Up March 14

-Who was Genghis Khan and what was he known for doing?

The Tang Empire 618-906

- Strong army conquered territories deep into central Asia
- Made countries like
 Vietnam, Tibet, and
 Korea <u>tributary states</u>
 - Self governing
 - Acknowledged Chinese supremacy
 - Sent regular <u>tribute to</u>
 <u>Tang emperor</u>



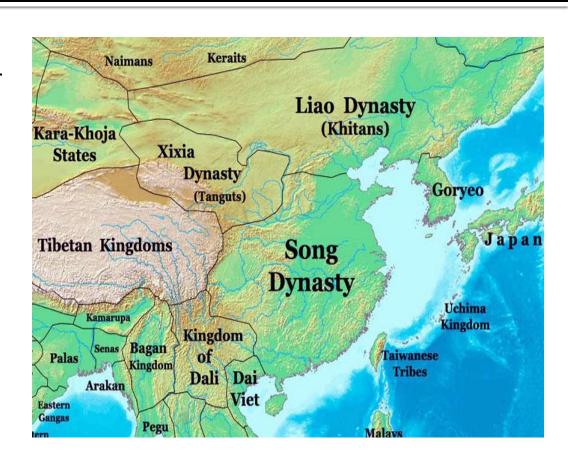
Growth of Government and Economy

- Enlarged civil service system to recruit officials
- Land Reform
 - Divided farm lands amongst peasants
 - Weakened power of large land owners
 - Gave <u>peasants ability</u>
 <u>to pay taxes</u>



Song Dynasty (960-1279) "Time of Great Achievement"

- Quicker growing rice strain
 - Two crops per year
 - Luxury crops
 - Led to surplus
- Grand Canal
 - Quick transportation of food to North
- Foreign trade
 - India, Arabia, Persia
 - Issued paper money



Social Structure

- Gentry
 - Wealthy land owners
 - Valued learning more than manual labor
 - Confucian ideas dominated
- Peasants
 - Worked the land
 - Majority of people
 - Sold handcrafts for extra income
 - Social mobility through education
- Merchants
 - Lowest class



The Status of Women

- Ran the home
 - Managed servants and family finances
- Marriage
 - Gave up a dowry
 - Could <u>never remarry</u>
- Foot binding
 - Began in <u>upper class</u>, but <u>spread to lower</u>
 - Sign of <u>nobility</u> and <u>beauty</u>

