

# 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?

1)

2)

3)

# 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 tributary states
  - Self governing
  - Acknowledged Chinese supremacy
  - Sent regular tribute to Tang emperor



# 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 peasants ability to pay taxes



# 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 never remarry
- Foot binding
  - Began in upper class, but spread to lower
  - Sign of nobility and beauty

