

# Developments in East Asia

AP World Modern Topic 1.1





# GLOBAL TAPESTRY

c. 1200-1450



## CHINA

**SONG**  
960-1279

- 1st PAPER MONEY USE
- CHAMPA RICE TRIBUTE
- FOOTBINDING BEGINS
- NEO-CONFUCIANISM CONTINUES GROWING

**YUAN**  
1271-1368

- MARCO POLO (1271-1295)
- MONGOL INVASION OF JAPAN (1274-1281)

**MING**  
1368-1644

- REBUILT GRAND CANAL
- BUILT FORBIDDEN CITY
- ZHENGHE VOYAGES

## JAPAN

**KAMAKURA SHOGUNATE**  
(1185-1333)

**ASHIKAGA SHOGUNATE**  
(1336-1573)

## KOREA

**GORYEO KINGDOM**  
OLDEST EXTANT PRINTED BOOK (1377) (918-1392)  
BUDDHISM DOMINATES, THEN DELCINES

This map covers 250+ years of history. So China's 3 dynasties overlap.



# Before 1200 in CHINA and East Asia...

- **IN** teraction
- Social
- Political
- Economic
- Culture
- **T** echnology



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# Before 1200. *Interaction* with the Environment and *Technology*

- *SUI dynasty* build the **Grand Canal** 581-618
- *The SONG Dynasty* expands and redoes it  
Song Dynasty 960-1279

- **Champa Rice**

Allows for 2 harvests  
More food leads to:

MORE PEOPLE!!!



Shang, Zhou, Qin, Han  
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Sui, Tang, Song  
Sui, Tang, Song

Yuan, Ming, Qing, Republic  
Yuan, Ming, Qing, Republic

Mao Zedong  
Mao Zedong

# The Grand Canal

- Longest in the world 1000 Miles
- Redone by the **Song Dynasty**



# Champa Rice

- China's conquest of Vietnam made **Champa Rice** available for cultivation

- Fast-ripening

- Could produce 2 crops per year



- Improved agricultural techniques and tools

- Extensive irrigation canals allowed agriculture to move beyond the rivers

- Between 600-1200, China's population increased from 45-115 million

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# East Asian Society:

## Patriarchal

Reflected **Confucian** principles, **filial piety**

- Women were 2nd class people
- "Mean People"
  - People without meaning in life - artists, performers, merchants

## Five Relationships of Confucianism

Relationship	Appropriate Virtue
Father/son	Filial piety
Ruler/subject	Loyalty
Brother/brother	Brotherliness
Husband/wife	Love and obedience
Friend/friend	Faithfulness



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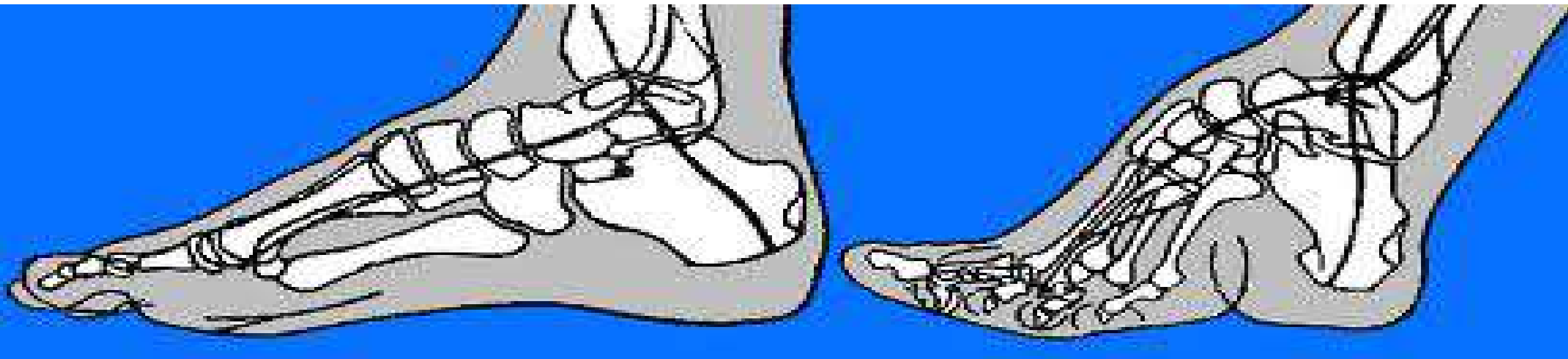
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# Foot Binding

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# Leading up to 1200 - Political

- Strong Centralized Bureaucracy becomes the norm
  - Qin and Han Dynasties
- **Mandate of Heaven** is how rulers claim legitimacy
- Nearly every dynasty leading up to 1200 utilized **civil service exams** for aspiring government officials
  - Test based on **Confucian curriculum**

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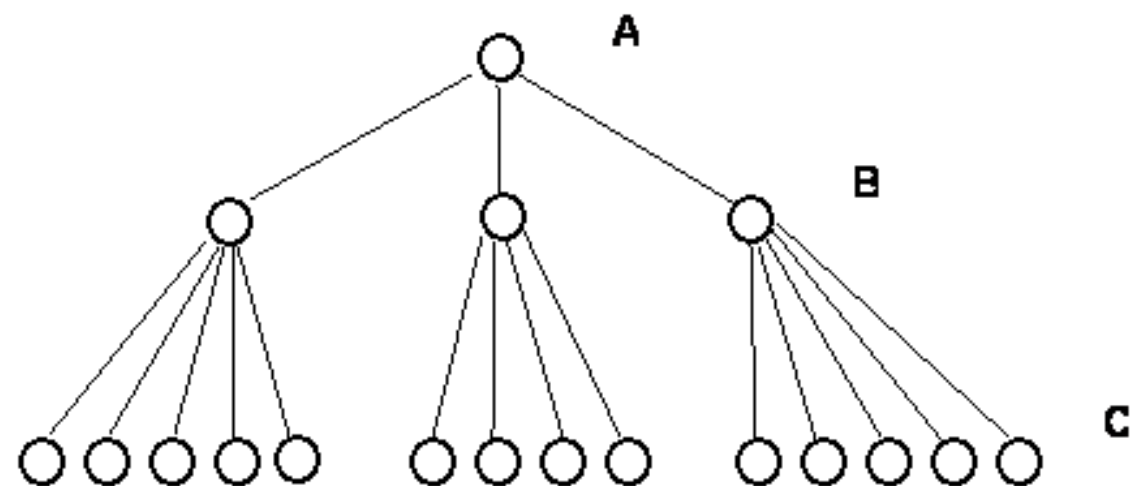
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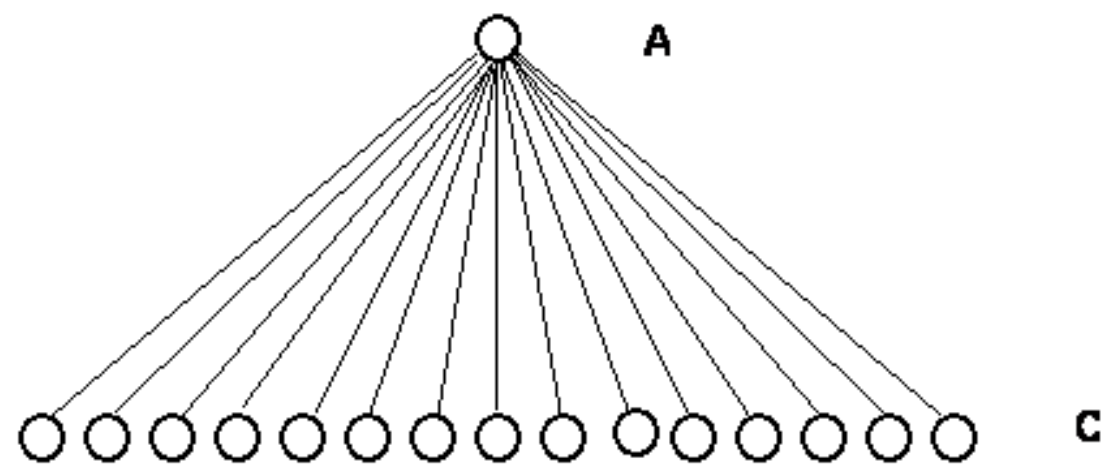


# Civil Service exams

- <https://www.thoughtco.com/imperial-chinas-civil-service-exam-195112>
- <https://prezi.com/cvmklumkkxud/ancient-chinese-civil-service-examination/>



**Decentralized Society**



**Centralized Society**

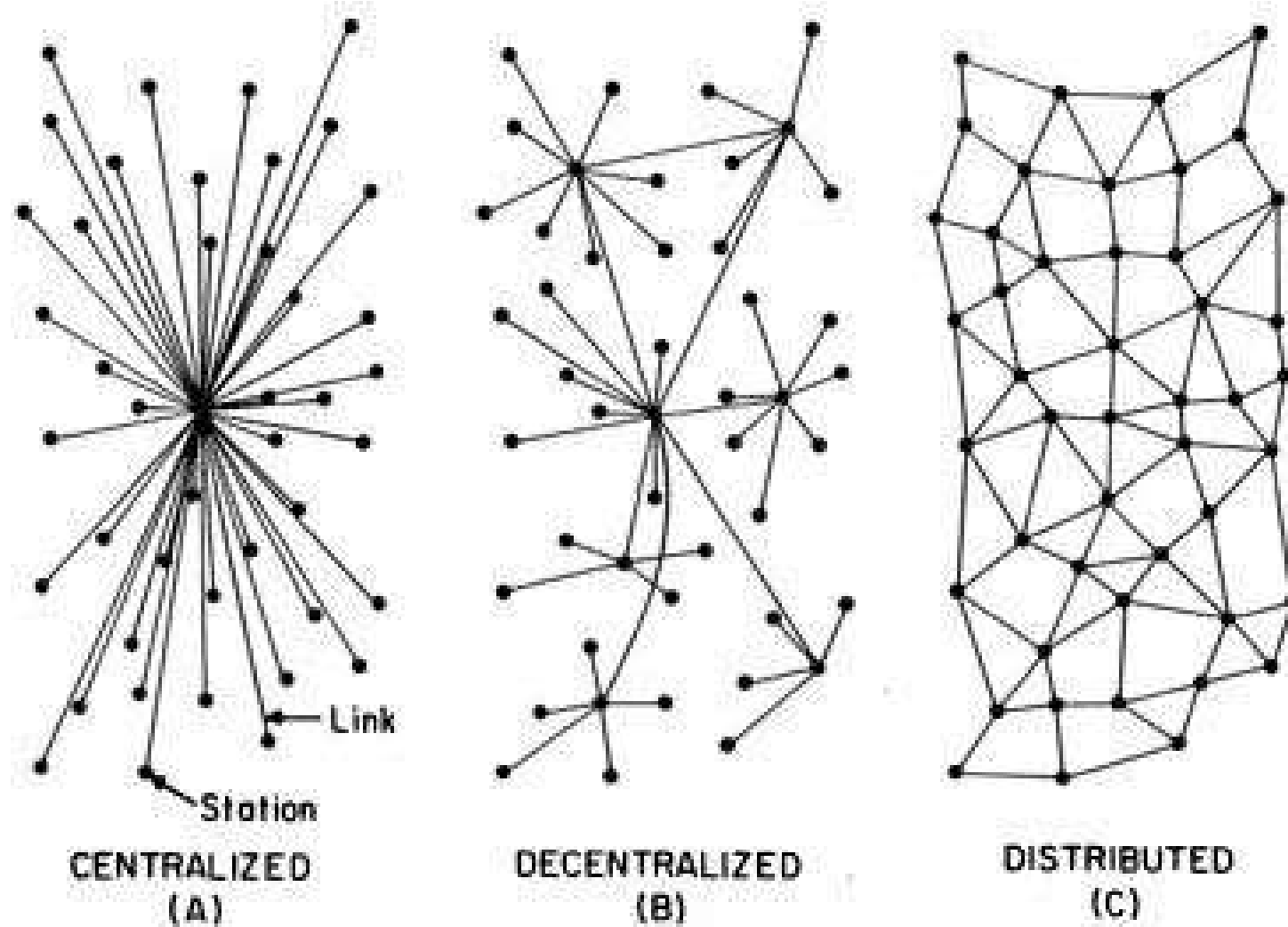


FIG. 1 — Centralized, Decentralized and Distributed Networks



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# Leading up to 1200 - Culture

- Chinese philosophy generally accepts that there is a basic harmony of nature and that humans and society need live in this balance.
  - IE - Hot/Cold, Dark/Light, Male/Female
- Religion's believed in god/gods but didn't focus on them
  - Instead stressed harmonious earthly life
  - **Big 4: Buddhism, Taoism, Legalism, and Confucianism,**
- Confucianism has the most influence
  - Confucianism is built around relationships and obedience to superiors -5 relationships





The man who says **he can**,  
and the man who says **he can't**  
are **both correct**.

- *Confucius*





## Leading up to 1200 - Buddhism

- Buddhist teachings can be summed up by 4 key beliefs
  - Called the 4 Noble Truths
    - All life is suffering
    - Suffering caused by attachment and desires
    - Removing them removes suffering
    - This may be done through the eightfold path
      - Right views, intention, speech, action, livelihood, effort, mindfulness, concentration
- Buddhism became very important in dynasties leading up to 900 CE



# The Song Dynasty: 960-1279

- Expanded meritocracy and number of gov't workers. Gave favor to civil servants and paid really well in exchange for loyalty
  - Civil Service exam becomes even more important
- Confucian Scholar-bureaucrats starting under the Tang and continuing under the Song convinced emperors that Buddhist monasteries were a threat
  - Confucian scholar-gentry supplanted Buddhists as the major producers of art and literature
- Improved agricultural production results in surging economy
  - Caused by innovation: Champa Rice, Iron Plows, Use of Draft Animals, and fertilizer
  - Results in more technological innovations
    - Why?
    - Made Porcelain and Iron Production better, invented printing, gunpowder, flying money, and naval technologies such as the compass



# Collapse of the Song Dynasty

## ◎ 2 Main Song Weaknesses

- Size of Bureaucracy heavily drained economy
- Civil service leadership of military
  - Jurchen conquer, force Song dynasty to Hangzhou, southern China (Southern Song)



# Developments in East Asia

- 1. Champa Rice
- 2. Paper Money
  - Block Printing
  - “Flying Cash”
- 3. Pound Lock in Grand Canal
- 4. Expansion of the Civil Service exam
- 5. Equal field system

# China 1200-1450 CE (HTS Context)

## Prior Dynasties in China

Sui Dynasty 581-618—The Grand Canal

Tang Dynasty 618-907

Tributary System (Silla kingdom  
Korea)

China's Golden Age

Song Dynasty 960-1279



# Continuities in East Asia Topic

Buddhism

Confucianism

Civil Service Exams