

7.26 Ming Dynasty Perspectives Activity

Using the Discovery Techbook, complete the Historical Perspectives: Ming Dynasty interactive (should be in your assignments on the Techbook).

Building Background Information: Read the introduction and complete the following questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

1. How large was China during the Ming Dynasty?
2. What goods did the Chinese import and export during the Ming Dynasty?
3. What was the purpose of Zhu Di's treasure fleet?

Meet the Individuals: Click on the Individuals tab of the interactive. Click on each person to read his or her biography. As you go, answer the questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

4. How did Zang Fu benefit from the treasure fleet expeditions?
5. How will Zhao Chun's life change if the trade with other kingdoms stops?
6. Why does Jing Yuan oppose the treasure fleet?
7. Does Cheng Xiao Zhao support the treasure fleet? Why or why not?

Exploring Perspectives: Rate what you think each person’s most likely response would be based on the information in his or her biography.

Issue 1: Should China sent out “treasure fleets” such as the ones led by Zheng He during the Yongle Emperor’s rule?		
Person	Yes, No, or Neutral	Reason

Issue 2: Should China try to interact more with people from other countries?

Person	Yes, No, or Neutral	Reason

Issue 3: Should China focus its resources on securing its borders, instead of on trade and exploration?

Person	Yes, No, or Neutral	Reason