Goguryeo-Sui Wars (598-614 C.E.)

• Started as small border conflicts between Sui and Goguryeo
  – 4 wars in total
• Was a humiliating defeat for Sui forces
  – Led by Yangdi
Impacts of the Goguryeo-Sui War

- Sui Defeated by...
  - Disease
  - Weather
  - Ambushes

- Millions of dead in Sui lands
- Discontent with Regime across empire
  - Led to overthrow of Empire and assassination of emperor
Goguryeo-Tang Wars (645-668 C.E.)

- First Goguryeo-Tang War
  - Tang Forces invaded and initially has success
  - Had to retreat because of winter and supply issues
- Second Goguryeo-Tang War
  - Revenge for First, Tang defeated in almost every battle
- Third Goguryeo-Tang War
  - Goguryeo defeated by combined Tang and Silla Army
The Tribute System

• Instituted by the Chinese
  – Other Empires would declare supremacy of Chinese Emperor
  – Pay annual tax to Chinese
    • Used against Koreans, Manchu, Mongols, Japanese, Tibetans, and Vietnamese
Unified Korea – Koryo (918 – 1392)

• Prior to unification divided into three kingdoms
  – Silla, Koguryo, Paekche
  – Lack of unity made it easier to attack by Chinese

• Absorbed cultural traitors from neighbors
  – Civil service exam – China
  – Confucianism/Buddhism – China
  • Passed on culture to Japan
Problems for Korea

- Located close to China, Japan, Mongolia, and eventually Russia
- Led to them taking an isolationist approach
  - Nicknamed the “Hermit Kingdom”