

Integrating Asia into the World System

Japan, India, Indonesia, China, Siberia



Interests in Asia

- Economic Competition
 - European countries competed with each other for access to markets and resources
- Prestige
 - Desire to exert dominance over vast areas of land and populations
- Spread of “Civilization”
 - Primarily began with desire to spread religion



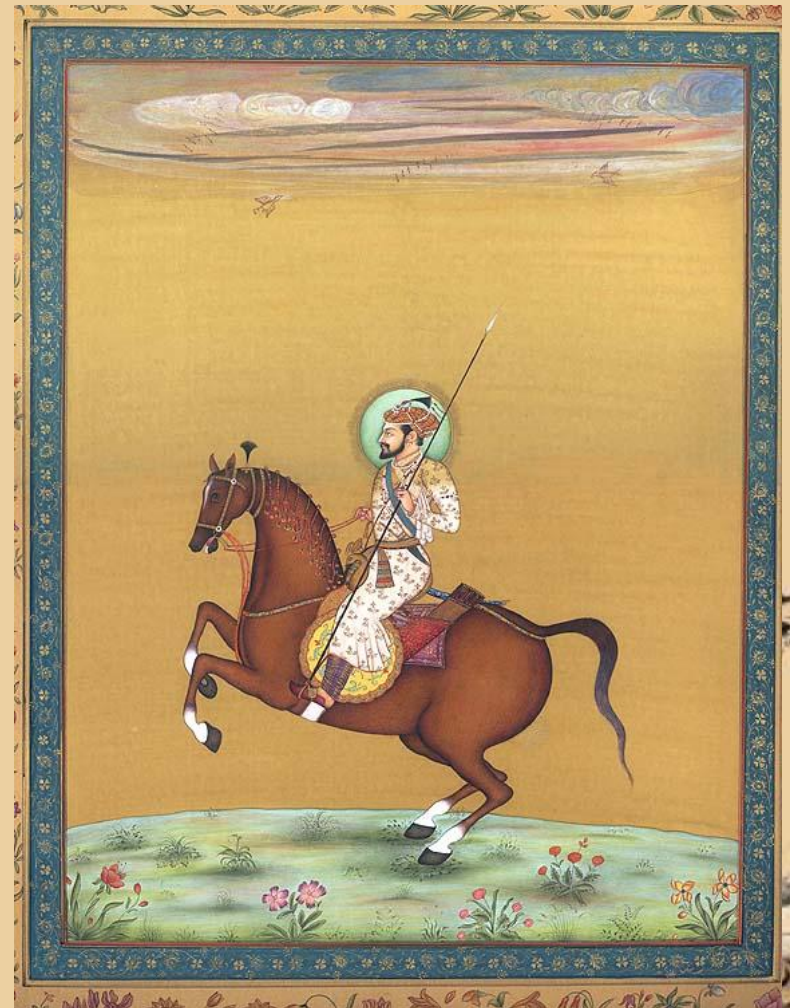
European and Japanese Connections

- Portuguese First
 - Tokugawa “closed” Japan beginning in 1649
 - Allowed limited contact with the Dutch, Chinese, Koreans
 - Trade significantly limited and controlled
- Americans move in 1853 using gunboat politics
 - 1867 Meiji Shogunate ends and Japan begins to Industrialize



Mughal India

- Persians move into India and establish sultanate in 1526
 - Superior firepower
 - Eventually forced out by Europeans
- Unification
 - Tried to bring Muslim and Hindu populations together



Europeans in India

- 1498 first recorded contact with Vasco De Gama
 - Portuguese established trade relationship
- British establish East India Trading Company in 1600
 - Developed infrastructure and trading relationship
 - Had backing of British Government



Competition for India

- British, French, Dutch, and Portuguese all competing for India
- Seven Years War
 - French and British fight for dominance of India
 - British gain complete control
 - British government gets more involved in governing India



Connections with China

- Portuguese First in 1516
 - Allowed minimal trading relationships
- British Show up in 1794
 - British sent away but come back with Gunboats
 - Had to fight a series of Wars to secure trading relationship
 - Opium Wars



Connections with Indonesia

- Portuguese and Spanish first to show up in early 1500s
 - Did not really colonize, more interested in spreading Catholicism
- United East India Company established in 1602
 - Dutch trying to monopolize trade in the area
 - Dutch government takes complete control in 1799



Russians in Siberia

- In 1556 Russians under Ivan the Terrible removed last remnants of Mongol control
 - Expanded east against Mongols and Native peoples of Siberia
 - Beginning in 1580 with Yermak Timofeyevich
 - Russians looking for resources and land

