



Conflict and Compromise in East Asia

East Asia: China, Korea, and Mongolia

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”

