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Who ruled?

The first thing that was mentioned in the creating of States and Societies were, “elite building” also defined as creating a unified elite that was loyal to the ruler. The mechanisms used for creating loyalty were sophisticated and involved usually a combination of divine heredity. The second thing mentioned is for the states to rule their societies tied with the elites firmly to the mass society across the Great Cultural Divide. For example, the Ming China pyramid shows the Emperor. The Eunuchs, Scholars, Gentry, then to follow the Merchants, Peasants, and on the side Conscript. There was a lot of cross-cultural networking that would either limit or excel for foreign goods and ideas. I believe that power was distributed among something called, a “Mapping Authority” that would act as claims of authority over people and places. During this era China expanded north and west in the former steppe territory and Russia also expanded eastward across Siberia. Even though cultural exchange was a central feature of the nomad-sedentary cycle that gave some time to develop sedentary societies regarding challenging the rootedness and durability of their cultural traditions of re-grouping, including nomadic empires during this period, but let that not be mistaken that sedentary states contributed to closing of the steppes and sedentary elements. In the society we live in today I also think that we still use the concept of having one ruler of the realm and being able to move goods and services on common grounds with other places in different political backgrounds (in this state the United States has their own states and each their own government and ruling over that area). Certain rulers were limited, local political, religious divisions, and cultural structures are all factors that could limit a ruler’s options, just like comparing to the government there is different branches that take care of the food supply chain, gas supply chain, etc.

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