

The maritime activities were run by the emperor who oversaw the country at the time. Zheng He and Yongle's grandson who was in charge at the time between 1405-1421 had merchant ships sailing and making friends with other states by offering gifts as part of building a large relationship with the outside world. the discoveries of items were brought to the state governing body.

The Europeans were more disorganized. The state needed the outside world because of poverty. The use of maritime was to get items to build and feed the states or countries. The use of those items maritime sailors brought can be used as trade to finance goods for Europe. They even had settlers who stayed in the Americas for farming and other products needed to finance those poor European states.

Compare China and Europe. The first comparison is centered around hierarchy. China had a common hierarchy in that the emperor in charge decided where to pursue a specific area of trade and the limitation to such trade. for the European maritime was a way of survival. The most popular item coming out of Europe was weapons. The European system had many kings, so the leadership was subdivided, and culture was not a big part of success. You could buy your way into the European hierarchy if you discovered wealth through maritime. while in China structure prevented a person from gaining wealth through maritime. The emperor's Confucianism theory restricted this from happening. Usually, a certain set of individuals would gain education to become the new emperor after the current emperor dies. These individuals are usually family members of the current emperor.

Had China been where Europe's geography is located almost everything, we know today would have been direct. if the Chinese had gone to Mexico City and met the Aztecs, they would have exchanged philosophical items, goods and culture, language, and arts. On the other hand,

China would have been poor because the land is not good for farming and other products that China, where they are currently, is blessed with so they too might have had ideas to conquer and destroy like what the Europeans did. Nonetheless, having a joint system like China's could be a third opinion. because of China's hierarchy system that is more governmental. China would, in my opinion, find a way to do business with the outside world more than divide, kill, and conquer like the Europeans mainly based on China's culture of how they conduct themselves and the government system.

For the European panela located where China is would have had the resources they need to eat and collect resources. having said they are still some, maybe they would have one governing body and maybe they would have still tried to divide and conquer, and the world has made its way to India and Africa and still do the same thing they did with the Americas. The only difference I see would have been that they would have made Africa and India more like North and South America. China would have made the Americas the people who were there when the Chinese arrived who have kept their land and sharing of goods and services would continue. for the Europeans, they would have to turn Africa and India completely over to their control.

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