

If the Zheng, He clan had more advanced technology I think that they would have tried to venture into the Pacific Ocean. Their main focus was originally on the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia. China was a single Hierarchy that was very strong and centralized in Bureaucratic hierarchy. They also had Confucianism as their ideology and it encouraged rule for the good of all of the subjects in the emperor. Confucianism caused the Chinese to manage their hierarchies very carefully and the Agrarian hierarchies in that were obtained in China, the politics constrained Chinas economic growth. Europe was the opposite because they were divided into many competing hierarchies, China had a more sophisticated hierarchy and they also had way more resources that they could use. Europe relied on their merchants and the cities for income, and they had to work very hard to maintain that income. Europe lacked the skills of managing their network connections. On the other hand, China once again had a more sophisticated in manufacturing goods and they also succeeded because they had an abundance of those goods. Some of the goods that they have are spices, medicines, and exotic prestige items. Europe was actually very poor, and they didn't have so much wool, weapons, and other essential goods to offer for trading. Resources that Europe did have that the Chinese did not have was minerals, agriculture and human wealth because they lived closest to the Americas. If the geographies between China and Europe were switched, I think that even though China would have had less resources I still think that they would have prospered more because I think that America is a

valuable piece of land. America has had a lot of resources to offer, and I think the Chinese would probably have adapted so much better. I think Europe would have maybe started off successful but in the long run the Chinese hierarchy would have surpassed them in some way.