Han Dynasty and Roman Empire
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Empire of the East (Han)
- More cohesive geographically
- "Inner China" 90% of Population lived in North China Plain
- Empire has endured = lasted 2,000 years!
- Confucianism + Buddhism + Daoism → Ideas held Society together
- Less cultural distinctions
- Chinese Language unified empire thru space
- Vietnam + Korea + Japan = united into one single Cultural Unit
- Religion strengthened rule =
- Barbarians absorbed into Han
- Rulers often selected from who could control imperial family + Court → Mandate from Heaven"
- Over-expansion led to loss of Mandate of Heaven = Fall of Dynasty
- Capital Cities = Changan (1 Million) &
- Invented seismograph, wheelbarrow, pulley, water powered hammer, paper, silk
- Silk Road + Great Wall of China

Empire of the West (Ancient)
- Golden Ages
  - Population = 60 Million @ Time of Augustus
  - Assimilated peoples + Slavery
  - Fought Barbarians including Huns + Settled near borders
  - Hired Mercenaries (Barbarians) in
  - Difficulties in establishing rules for
- Empires controlled & held together by
  - Divine Attributes to Emperors + believed no single family should rule forever
  - Family – very important institution + Women subordinate to Men + Marriage used for Alliances with foreign powers
  - Army + Generals crucial for sustaining political structure + Rebel Generals + Retirement benefits
  - Overexpansion = greatest
  - Armies drained finances + Peasants evaded taxes
- Strict codes for Sexual Morality challenge

- Population = spread out → only a few million people lived in and around Rome
- Empire has lived on as a "concept"
- Roman Polytheism + Birth of
- Intermarriage with non-citizens often forbidden
- Latin Language = does not unify empire + is a dead language today!
- Christianity = weakened Empire’s Rule
- Barbarians (Germanics) assisted in Fall of Empire = Not absorbed into Rome (Hired as...)
- Rulers often selected from best military Generals, but also by heirs and bloodlines.
- Over-expansion and Invasions led to the “Fall of...”
- Built / Invented Extensive Roads + Aqueducts + Monuments
  - Capital City of Rome (1 Million) in West, and Capital Constantinople in East
  - Arches, Modern Calendar, Government: Separation of Powers + Checks and Balances + Veto
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