OBJECTIVE & Standard

I can analyze the contributions of the Ming Dynasty.

• SPI- 7.26- I can draw evidence from the informational text to analyze the contributions made during the Ming dynasty such as building projects, the reconstruction of the Great wall, isolationism, and sea voyages.
Backstory...

• Zhu Yuanzhang founded the Ming Dynasty
• Ming Dynasty ruled China from 1368-1644 – 300 years!
• One of the most stable and profound dynasty’s of Chinese history. The Ming expanded China’s fame overseas and created amazing building projects!

The Voyages of Zheng He

Look at the image of the ship.

With your partner, predict what this tells you about the importance of sea travel in China.

What do you know of Christopher Columbus?
60 years BEFORE Columbus!!

- Zheng He was the greatest sailor of his time! He sailed huge fleets! Some of his ships were as big as football fields!
- He sailed with about 27,000 in his crew and about 60 ships.
  - Columbus had 3 ships and a 90 member crew!
- He sailed throughout the Indian Ocean and all the way from the Persian Gulf to the easternmost coast of Africa!

Building projects

- Many of their projects were designed to impress both the Chinese people and their enemies to the north.
- In Beijing they built the Forbidden City. This was an AMAZING palace complex that included hundreds of imperial residences, temples, and other government buildings. There were over 9,000 rooms in these buildings!
The Forbidden City

• This huge complex was built for the emperor, his family, his court, and his servants
• Ordinary people were forbidden from entering.
• What sort of impression do you think the people of China had on the Forbidden City?
The Hall of Supreme Harmony

Night view
Early days

Great Wall

More than 2,000 miles long
25 feet high
12 feet wide
Imagine . . . .

- Imagine if for ONE WEEK, you had to stay at home, could not watch TV, go to the movies, read any twitter, Instagram, or Facebook updates, or talk to, text, snapchat, etc. anyone on the phone.
- Describe how you would feel...

Isolationism

- The Chinese under the Ming Dynasty secluded themselves from other foreign countries. They wanted to eliminate ALL foreign influences.
Reading with a Purpose

• Read the information about the Ming Dynasty.
• Highlight or underline the significant information and evidence about their history.
• You will take the quiz on the back of the reading, but DO NOT turn over to do the quiz until I tell you to.