12-4 Notes

* Zhu Yuanzhang reunited China and founded the Ming, “Brilliant” dynasty.
* Treason – disloyalty to the government
* The Imperial City is a large area of palaces and gov’t buildings.
* The Forbidden City is the home to the emperor and his courts. It had beautiful gardens and palaces with thousands of rooms.
* Census – a count of the number of people – this helped them collect taxes.
* Novel – long fictional story
* Zheng He – the leader of China’s journeys to other kingdoms. (explorer)
* Zheng He traveled to SE Asia, India and Africa. He brought back goods and animals that made the Chinese merchants rich.
* China’s culture was spread because of Zheng He’s journeys.
* The Chinese people thought Europeans were barbarians – uncivilized people.
* Europeans sent missionaries (a special group of Roman Catholic priests called Jesuits) to convert the Chinese to Christianity.
* The Ming officials became greedy and power hungry causing the Chinese to revolt.
* The Manchus defeated the Chinese armies and set up a new dynasty.