

# Song Dynasty (960 – 1279 CE)

- ◆ During this time China was the most advanced civilization in the world
- ◆ Zhao Kuangyin, the reluctant emperor
- ◆ Invention of moveable type produces even more books for people to read, spreads ideas along the Silk Road
- ◆ First navy in world history. Chinese were master shipbuilders – their knowledge of shipbuilding is passed on to the Middle East and Europe
- ◆ Gunpowder used by military now – rockets, bombs, exploding fire arrows
- ◆ Great architecture, paintings and poetry reflect the Song dynasty's commitment to the arts