The **Yellow Turban Rebellion**

✓ CE 184 peasant rebellion against Emperor of the Han Dynasty of China.

✓ Called the *yellow turbans* or *yellow scarves* for the scarves they wore around their heads, the rebels were associated with secret Taiping Daoist societies.

✓ The Taiping Daoist principles of equal rights of all peoples and equal distribution of land threatened the privileges of landholding families, ruling entity and the mandate of heaven held by the emperor.

✓ The peasants were reacting to the high taxes imposed on them to build fortifications along the Silk Road and garrisons against foreign infiltrations and invasions.

✓ The adverse condition deteriorated due to famine conditions, which indicated the emperor no longer had the favor of heaven.

✓ A ragtag mob of rebels ravaged in the North China Plain and engaged the emperor's forces. The emperor was able to put down the rebellion, but in the process his generals and local administrators gained self-governing powers, leading to the collapse of the dynasty in 220.