Song Dynasty Economy

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First, you will read about industrialization in Europe. Then you will read about the Song Dynasty economy and compare it to industrialization. Ultimately, you will answer whether or not the Song Dynasty came close to industrializing.

Industrialization		
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Mechanization : the main part of industrialization is the	Define mechanization in your own words:	
mechanization of work. Mechanization simply is the process of		
using non-animal power to do things. So pulling a plow with a		
horse is not mechanization, nor is plowing the field yourself.		
But if you hooked the plow up to a steam engine, now the work		
is mechanized.		
Industrialization : the Industrial Revolution begins in Europe	What were the steps of industrialization?	
around 1760 AD. This is a period of considerable		
mechanization. The very first form of mechanization was the		
water wheel, which was in use for more than a millennium		
before the start of the industrial revolution. However, the use of		
the water wheel became industrialization when Europeans		
began to hook up machines to the water wheel. With the		
Spinning Jenny, water wheels could spin hundreds of spools of		
cloth at once. With the puddling furnace, water wheels could		
smelt iron or even steel. Later the water wheel was replaced by		
the Steam Engine		
Other Signs : there are many other signs of industrialization.	What are five signs of industrialization?	
The population exploded, doubling every couple generations.		
Farming became more productive with the use of farming		
machines, meaning more people could be fed on less land.		
Industrial productivity also increases, doubling rates of iron,		
coal, or other raw materials every generation or so. The rate at		
which new inventions were created increased. People begin to		
follow the industrial jobs by moving into cities, increasing the		
percentage of urban population. Lastly, industrial countries		
always began to conduct more and more international trade.		

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Excerpt	Summarize
The Chinese Census generally recorded households rather than	
exact number of people and are therefore not particularly	
precise. However, it is believed that when the Song Dynasty	
came to power in 960, there were about 80 million people	
living in its territory. By 1260, that number was probably closer	
to 200 million. Commercial development of the Song period	
made the urbanization of China inevitable. By the twelfth	
century China had fifty-two large urban prefectures with more	
than one hundred thousand households each.	
During Song times, heavy industry — especially the iron	
industry — grew astoundingly. Iron production reached around	
125,000 tons per year in 1078 AD, an increase of 6x the output	
in 800 AD. Iron and steel were put to many uses, ranging from	
nails and tools to the chains for suspension bridges and	
Buddhist statues. The army was a large consumer: steel tips	
increased the effectiveness of Song arrows; mass-production	
methods were used to make iron armor in small, medium, and	
large sizes; high-quality steel for swords was made through	
high-temperature metallurgy. Huge bellows, often driven by	
waterwheels, were used to superheat the molten ore.	

The annual output of minted copper currency in 1085 alone	
reached roughly six billion coins. The most notable	
advancement in the Song economy was the establishment of the	
world's first government issued paper-printed money, known as	
Jiaozi (交子). For the printing of paper money alone, the Song	
court established several government-run factories in the cities	
of Huizhou, Chengdu, Hangzhou, and Anqi. The size of the	
workforce employed in paper money factories was large; it was	
recorded in 1175 that the factory at Hangzhou employed more	
than a thousand workers a day.	
The use of water power to move millstones, grinding stones	
and hammers, and chained-bucket irrigation mechanisms	
became more and more usual, especially with large land	
owners. As an implement to pluck out rice seedlings peasants	
made use of a machine called a "seedling horse", planting and	
fertilizing was the task of a machine called "dung-drill". In	
northern China, a "drill-tiller" was in use, while in the lower	
Yangtze region, a "plow-weeder" became widespread at the	
end of Southern Song.	
The invention of movable-type printing as made by Bi Sheng	
畢昇 deeply contributed to the spread of literature, knowledge	
and thought. Song moveable types were made from clay, later	
from wood. The cheaper books became, the more widespread	
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was literature of all kinds.	
Although trade by sea with India and the Middle East had	
existed since the late Han period, maritime trade grew rapidly	
during the Song era. Improvements in the technology of	
shipbuilding and navigation assisted overseas commercial	
activities. China mostly exported manufactured goods; its silk	
fabrics and porcelain products were appreciated worldwide.	
The Waterwheel (a wheel that is spun by running water to	
harness kinetic energy) had been used in China for at least a	
millennium. However, under the Song Dynasty the number of	
uses for this device increased dramatically. Waterwheels were	
used to power the massive blast furnaces of iron mills and for	
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the grinding necessary both to making millet flour and	
gunpowder. They also were used to power fans in palaces and	
drive the mechanisms of the world's first mechanical clocks.	
The Windmill was also invented during the Song Dynasty. For	
the first time, people were able to produce the same sort of	
mechanical power of the water mill without needing running	
water. The Windmills of the era were not especially effective	
but were used in many flour and lumber mills in regions that	
lacked swift rivers.	

Method Statement	A society counts as industrialized if
Claim (pick one)	 The Song Dynasty was industrialized The Song Dynasty was close to industrialization The Song Dynasty did not come close to industrialization
Reason	Because