

OPIUM WAR AND MEIJI RESTORATION



OBJECTIVES

- **STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO LISTEN AND PARTICIPATE IN CLASS ON DISCUSSION THAT COVERS THE OPIUM WAR AND THE MEIJI RESTORATION**
- **IT IS EXPECTED OF STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION ABOUT THE TOPICS AND TO PAY ATTENTION DURING THE LECTURE**

TDIH & FF

- **TDIH:**
- **THE PARIS PEACE ACCORDS ARE SIGNED IN 1973, ENDING THE U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM**
- **FF ABOUT NEBRASKA:**
- **IN BLUE HILL, NEBRASKA, NO FEMALE WEARING A 'HAT THAT WOULD SCARE A TIMID PERSON' CAN BE SEEN EATING ONIONS IN A PUBLIC PLACE.**

BELLRINGER

- **WHAT FOOD ARE YOU ADDICTED TO?**

IF IT IS IN RED

- YOU NEED IT FOR NOTES.

OPIUM WAR: HOW DID IT START?

- CHINA HAD A FAVORABLE **BALANCE OF TRADE** : THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOW MUCH A COUNTRY IMPORTS AND EXPORTS. GREAT BRITAIN NEEDED TO CHANGE THAT.
- GREAT BRITAIN BEGAN SELLING OPIUM TO THE CHINESE
- CHINESE BEGAN TO FIGHT BACK



OPIUM WAR CONTINUED

- ENDED IN CHINESE DEFEAT
- CHINA SIGNED “UNEQUAL TREATIES” THAT OPENED UP MORE PORTS FOR TRADE : **TREATY OF NANKING**



CARVING SPHERE OF INFLUENCES

- AFTER OPIUM WAR, EUROPEAN POWERS MOVED IN TO “TAKE A PIECE OF THE PIE”
- CREATED AN **OPEN DOOR POLICY**: **KEEPING TRADE EQUAL FOR EVERYONE, EXCEPT THE CHINESE**



OUTCOMES OF “SPHERES OF INFLUENCE”

- **TAIPING REBELLION (1850-1864):** HUGE PEASANT REVOLT THAT KILLED AROUND 20 TO 30 MILLION CHINESE.
- **BOXER REBELLION (1899-1901):** GROUP CALLED “RIGHTEOUS HARMONIOUS FISTS” LED ANTI-FOREIGN MOVEMENT THAT INSPIRED FUTURE CHINESE NATIONALISM.

QUICK VIDEO ON MEIJI RESTORATION

- [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=F7ULKSEJN1U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7ULKSEJN1U)

MEIJI RESTORATION

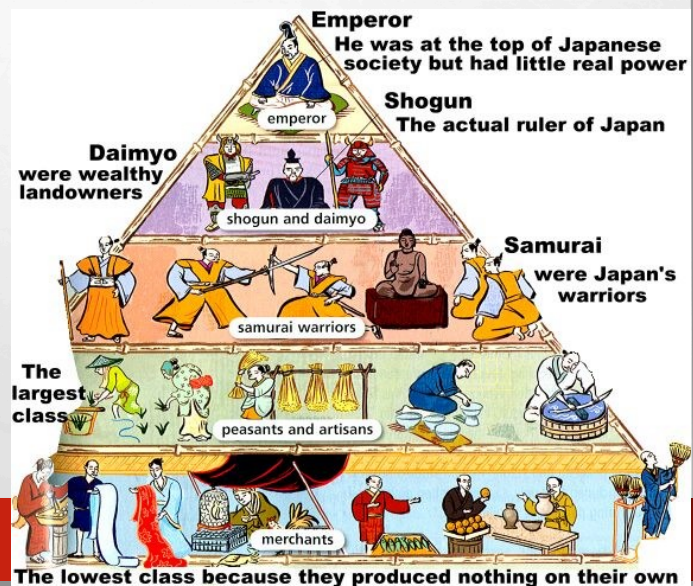
- **BEGAN IN 1853 WHEN MATTHEW PERRY – US NAVY CAPTAIN (TRADE)**
- **CAME INTO CONTACT WITH WITH JAPAN**
- **EVENTUALLY FORCED HARBORS TO BE OPENED, JAPAN ACCEPTS “UNFAIR TREATIES”**



FEUDAL JAPAN

Rejected all foreign influence

Realized that their system of government would not work in the modern world



LAST SAMURAI CLIPS

- **3 THINGS- "OLD JAPAN" – CLOTHES, CUSTOMS, TECHNOLOGY, ETC.**
- **3 THINGS- MODERNIZED**

EMPEROR MEIJI



- **MEIJI RESTORATION IS NAMED AFTER HIM**
- **HIS REIGN LASTED FROM 1868-1912**
- **HIS MOTTO WAS "A RICH COUNTRY, A STRONG MILITARY"**

PROS AND CONS

- **PROS:**

- **MODERNIZED/INDUSTRIALIZED JAPAN**
- **REFORMED THEIR GOV. TO BE MORE "DEMOCRATIC"**
- **STRENGTHENED THEIR MILITARY**
- **GOT RID OF FOREIGN RULERS**

- **CONS:**

- **CREATED A POWER HUNGRY JAPAN**
- **DESTROYED THEIR FORMAL CULTURE**
- **BEGAN TO CONQUER OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES**