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**THE CHANGING ATTITUDE TOWARDS FOREIGNERS**

**Before Japan had modernized, they had been in forced isolation for nearly 600 years. This meant that they did not want any outside influence, especially European influence. However, after watching China be taken over by the European forces, they soon realized that they needed to modernize quickly, else they would be conquered next.**

**Japan knew they needed to modernize just like the western forces, but they had no real idea how. They decided to hire European technicians to help improve their agriculture, technology, military, and education. Some Japanese were even sent abroad to western schools in order to learn from western teachers, very much to their disliking.**

**Initially the Japanese disliked everything that represented the west. However, with modernization and the improvements that it brought, many Japanese began to like the idea of modernizing like the west. They started dressing and acting like Europeans, some going as far as wanting to abolish the Japanese language in favor of English.**

**While imperialism has had a negative effect on several countries, Japanese daily life improved dramatically. Electricity was introduced into the households, transportation improved, including the adaptation of the train, trolley, and eventually Model T Ford. While Japan might have changed, they modernized into the leading power in Asia.**