

AN OVERVIEW OF CHINA IN THE 19TH CENTURY (1750-1900)

OPIUM WAR (1839-1842)

- Causes of the Opium War?
- What was the connection between Britain's "balance of trade" and the war?
- Chinese attempts to stop the trade?
- Chinese attitudes at the start of war? Reflection of "ethnocentrism"?

TREATY OF NANJUNG (1842)

- What were the major conditions of the treaty?
- Terms related to: Hong Kong? Ports? "Most favored nation status"? Extraterritoriality? Indemnity? Opium trade?
- Why was the treaty considered "unequal"?

UNEQUAL TREATIES (MID-LATE 1800'S)

- How are these related to the Opium War and the Treaty of Nanjing?

TAIPING REBELLION (1850-1864)

- "Kingdom of Heavenly Peace"
- What were major causes? Major internal problems?
- What group dominates rebellion?
- Why considered so radical? What were major features and demands?
- Why does Qing government fight against the rebellion?
- Why do foreign governments support the Qing Government?

"SELF-STRENGTHENING MOVEMENT" (1860-1895)

- Mid century attempt at reform—how does this compare to other "societies at the crossroads"?
- Major features? What did the phrase "Chinese learning at the base, Western learning for use" mean?

SPHERES OF INFLUENCE (LATE 1800'S)

- Definition of Spheres of Influence?
- How were these "spheres" different from Colonialism?
- Nations involved in "carving up" China?

SINO-JAPANESE WAR (1894-1895)

- What did the results of this war say about the "separate paths" pursued by China and Japan?

CHINESE REVOLUTION OF 1911

- Nationalist Party
- Sun Yat-sen (nationalist leader)
- End of the Qing (Manchu) Dynasty
- Three Principles of the People = "Nationalism, Democracy, Livelihood (socialism)"

BOXER REBELLION (1899-1900)

- "Society of Righteous and Harmonious Fists"
- In what ways was this a nationalistic and anti-foreigner rebellion?
- Why was this rebellion supported by the Qing government (Empress Cixi)?
- Result of the rebellion?

HUNDRED DAYS REFORM

- What was the overall goal(s)?
- What were the major features?
- Why did this movement fail? What role was played by the Dowager Empress Cixi?