



NCTA Lesson Plan Template

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Title: US and European Imperialism in East Asia

Theme/Topic: Imperialism and Colonialism

Introduction: This series of lessons will focus on events that occurred in East Asia (with an emphasis on China and Japan) during the period of 1840-1914 and the role both the US and European countries played.

Subject(s)/Grade level(s): 8th grade US History

Suggested Duration of Lesson: 4 days (70 minute class periods)

Connection to Standards/Common Core:

Economics PA Standard - 5.4.7.A

Identify how countries have varying interests.

Economics PA Standard - 6.3.8.D

Explain how government actions may affect international **trade**.

History PA Standard - 8.4.8.D

Compare conflict and cooperation among groups and organizations which have impacted the history and development of the world.

Essential Questions:

Why does conflict develop?

How do earlier events and decisions affect later generations?

Learning Objectives:

SWBAT explain how the United States expanded their influence in the Pacific (East Asia).

SWBAT explain how the United States changed policy to imperialism in the late 1800's.

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Materials Needed:

Post it notes
Map of East Asia and Pacific (also a blank template for students)
[Slides](#)
Chromebooks
Graphic novels and Key Issues books (Teacher)

Pre-Assessment of Prior Knowledge:

Create a classroom collaborative board (either with post its or online)- ask- what they know about colonialism and imperialism in the Pacific (East Asia)

Teacher-Student Interaction:

Day 1
Pre Assessment collaborative board
Map of East Asia and template (label as work through lesson)
Lecture - Brief history of the region

Day 2
Timeline of events (add as go)
China- events (see slides) and instructions

Day 3
Continue with map and timeline
Japan- events (see slides) and instructions

Day 4
Wrap up and closing activity
Assign post assessment

Closing Activity: Collaborative board- What effects do you think these events will have later in history?

Post-Assessment:

Create an infographic

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Resources:

- *Discovering Our Past: A History of the United States*, McGraw-Hill Education, 2018.
- [First Sino- Japanese War](#)
- [Boxer Rebellion](#)
- [Video on Opium Wars](#)
- [Taiping Rebellion](#)
- [Chinese Rebellion of 1911](#)
- [The Making of Modern China Ming to Qing Dynasty 1644-1911 by Jing Liu](#)
- [Boxers and Saints by Gene Luen Yang](#)
- [AFE Columbia University Learning from the West excerpt-](#)
- [AFE Columbia University- The Opium Wars and Foreign Encroachment](#)
- *Modern Chinese History: Second Edition* (David Kenley) - Association for Asian Studies
- *Japan and Imperialism, 1853-1945* (James L. Huffman) - Association for Asian Studies
- Will link Class slides and Take and Go when fully completed [Take and Go Link](#)

Extension Activities/Extending the Lesson/Cross-Curricular Connections:

Will revisit events and their impact on later historical events (ie WW2, Korean War, current events)
Offer for students to read more of the graphic novels (*Boxers and Saints*, *Making of Modern China*)
