CONTEXTUALIZATION: OPIUM WARS

Purpose

Continue to work on your contextualization skills by analyzing the conditions that led to the Opium Wars. By doing this, you'll strengthen your understanding of how modern empires contested the authority of other empires and regions.

Process

1. Fill out the Contextualization Tool using what you've learned from this lesson and the article "Opium Wars and Economic Imperialism."

   Contextualization Tool

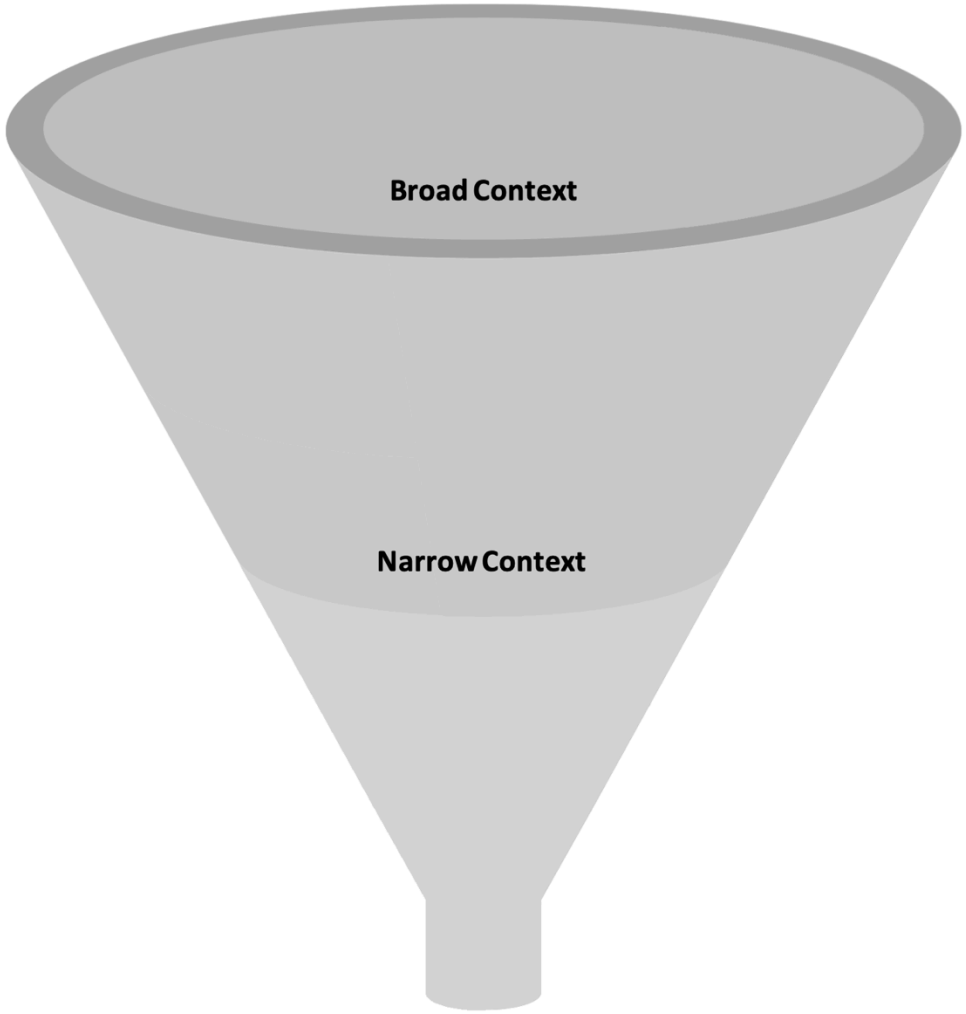
   Write the historical event/development being studied.

   Write the date(s) and location(s) of the historical event being studied.

   Event Cards: Cut out the Events Cards, and then place them on the funnel to show whether they represent narrow or broad context. Be prepared to explain your placement. You can also complete this portion of the activity by clicking the link for Google Slides. You'll need to create a copy of the slides.

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Broad context: Wide ranging or long term

Does the context represent wide-ranging themes, trends, events, eras, or regions related to the historical development?

Does it represent a long-term (underlying) cause or contributing factor?

Narrow context: Limited or short term

Does the context represent limited themes, trends, events, eras, or regions that are more closely tied in time/place to the historical development?

Does it help us see the short-term (immediate) causes or contributing factors?

Historical event/development: _____

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2. Write one or two sentences that describe the broad context of this event.

3. Write one or two sentences that describe the narrow context of this event.

4. Analyze how the broad and narrow context help you better understand the historical event.

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5. Use information from the Contextualization Tool and the article "Opium Wars and Economic Imperialism" to write a two- or three-paragraph response that answers this prompt: *What were the broader temporal (time), spatial (location), and cultural contexts that made it possible for the Opium Wars to occur?*