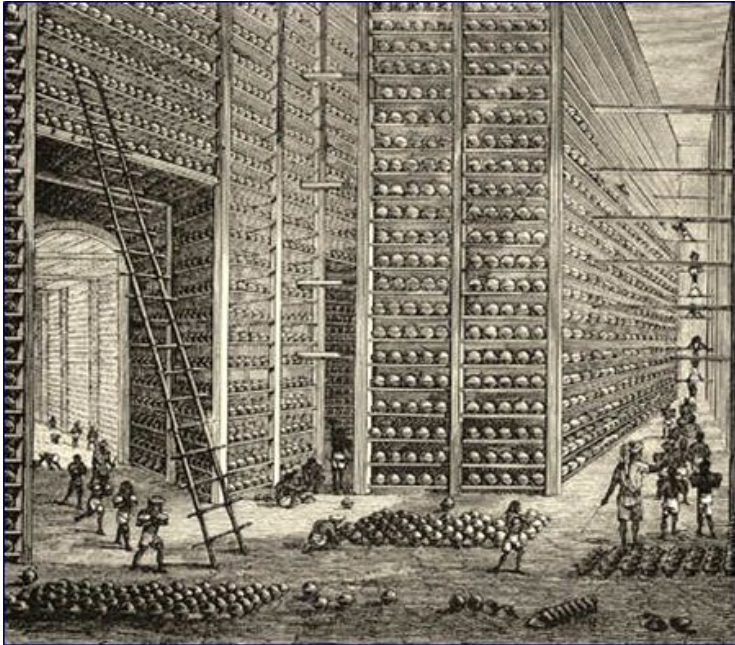


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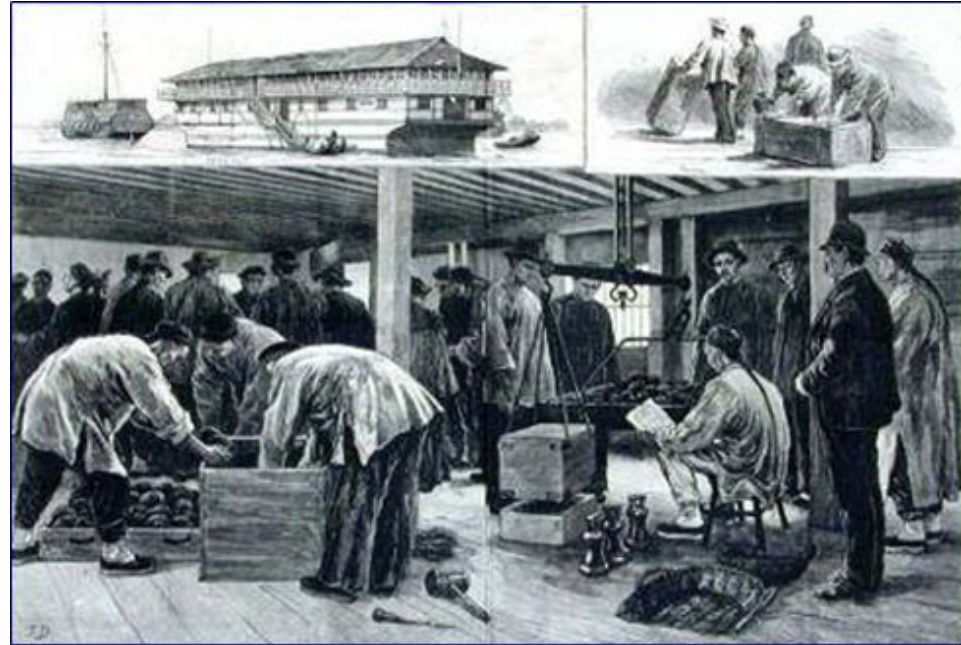
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# THE BRITISH OPIUM TRADE

British Opium Warehouse in  
Patna, India



Selling Patna Opium in China



# THE OPIUM WARS 1839-42

CAUSE: Britain refused to stop their very profitable trade in Opium with China

Effect: Treaty of Nanking (unequal treaty)

- Chinese are humiliated and defeated
- British get the port of Hong Kong
- Opium trade continues
- Extraterritorial rights for foreign citizens
- Growing Chinese resentment against the foreign “barbarians”

- <http://www.history.com/shows/mankind-the-story-of-all-of-us/videos/opium-in-china>



# TAIPING REBELLION 1850-64

## CAUSES:

- Hunger & starvation among the Chinese because of China's inability to feed its growing population
- Increasing opium addiction
- Growing poverty
- Christian missionaries' message of a "Heavenly Kingdom of Peace" inspires Hong xiuquan to lead a 14 year rebellion against the corrupt Qing Dynasty



# TAIPING REBELLION 1850-64

## EFFECTS

- Combined British, French, & Qing forces crush the peasant rebellion and the Qing dynasty is restored to power.
- Fertile farmland is destroyed by the hungry armies
- At least 20 million dies.
- Weakened Qing Dynasty - paved the way for the communists and nationalists

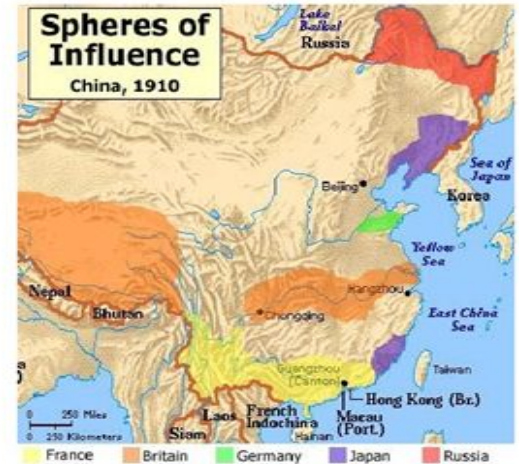


# OPEN DOOR POLICY 1899

## CAUSES

- China has a weak military, as well as economic and political problems.
- China is being divided up into more Western spheres of influence.
- U.S. feared China would be divided into formal colonies and American traders would be shut out.

## Open Door Policy 1899 (fails)

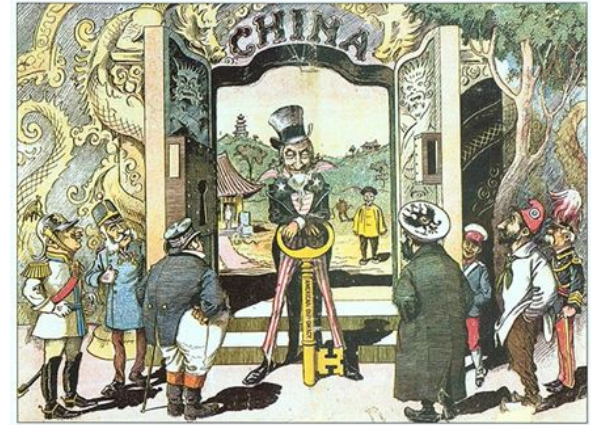




# OPEN DOOR POLICY 1899

## EFFECTS

- This policy would protect American trading rights in China.
- Keep China free from colonization
- But China was still at the mercy of economic imperialism by foreign powers.



THE OPEN DOOR

# 1900 BOXER REBELLION

## CAUSES

- The Chinese people's long standing frustration with poor conditions
- The Chinese are angered by the special privileges given to foreigners
- They resent Chinese Christians





# 1900 BOXER REBELLION

## EFFECTS

- In spring, “Society of Harmonious Fists” aka Boxers surrounds the European section.
- In August they are defeated by 20,000 multinational forces.
- A new sense of Chinese nationalism emerges.
- Qing’s court begins steps to reform—promises a full constitutional government by 1917.

