

Imperialist Japan

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Japan before Imperialism

Strict social hierarchy

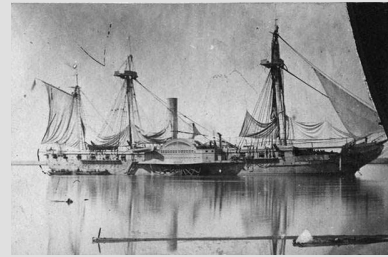
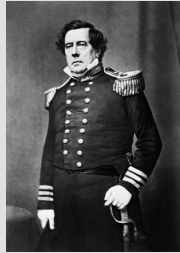
Isolationist: international trade strictly controlled

Traditional values based
Confucianism



Japan Opens to the World

In 1854, Commodore Matthew Perry and four US warships arrived in previously isolated Japan.



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Perry forced Japan to open to foreign trade with the west. This ended Japanese isolation.



The Meiji Restoration

Japanese leaders knew about Imperialism, and they didn't want to become a colony...

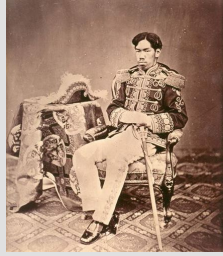


Overthrown Tokugawa shogunate

The Meiji Restoration

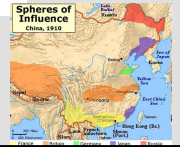
The Japanese overthrow the Shogunate and restores the emperor to power.

Emperor Meiji →



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Japan decides that the best way to avoid being colonized is to become a modern, imperial, industrialized, nation itself.



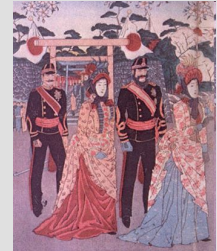
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This period was called the Meiji Restoration, which was a movement toward modernization.



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To modernize Japan, leaders of the Meiji government studied Western institutions and technology.



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The Meiji Restoration resulted in modernization of industry and military, which led to the rise of Japan as an imperialistic nation.

