

**Period of the Tokugawa shoguns 1600-1868**

Foreign relations with China, Korea, Netherlands, Ryûkyû, Ainu

**I. Meiji Restoration**

1853 and 1854 Commodore Matthew Perry arrives

*Reader: Tokugawa Nariaki, Japan, Reject the Westerners, 1853*

1858 Treaty of Amity and Commerce/ The Unequal Treaties

1864, 1865-8 civil wars, Tokugawa shogun resigns

1868 Establish new Imperial Government

Imperial Oath of 1868

Fukuzawa Yukichi (1835-1901)

Ryûkyû= **Okinawa** and Ezo=**Hokkaido, Kuril Islands**

1890 Constitution

1894-6 agreements reached to end unequal treaties

**II. One of the Imperialist Gang 1895-1931**

1894-1895 first Sino-Japanese War

Treaty of Shimonoseki, directly between Japan and Qing

colonies acquired by treaty: **Taiwan** 1895-1945, **Kwantung Leased Territory** 1895X

Triple Intervention and releasing Kwantung (Russia, Germany, France)

1904-5 Russo-Japanese War

Treaty of Portsmouth, brokered by Teddy Roosevelt

colonies acquired by treaty: **Korea** 1905- protectorate; 1910-1945 colony, **Kwantung**

**Leased Territory** 1905-1945, **Karafuto** (South Sakhalin) 1905-1945, the Russian railway rights in the Manchurian region of China.

1914-1918 World War I

Treaty of Versailles 1919

colonies acquired by treaty: **Mariana, Marshall and Caroline Islands** (1914-1944),

**Tsingtao** 1914-1922

1921-22 Washington naval conference and treaty

**III. Unilateral Imperialism, “The Fifteen Year War” 1931-1945**

THREE STAGES OF “15 YEAR WAR”

Stage 1 MANCHURIA 1931-1937(~45)

Kwantung Army

*READER: Justification for War, 1936, Okawa Shumei and Hashimoto Kingoro*

STAGE 2 WAR WITH CHINA 1937-1941(~45)

July 1937 Marco Polo Bridge Incident

Sept. 1940 Axis Alliance formed with Germany and Italy

STAGE 3 PACIFIC WAR 1941-1945

Dec. 1941 attack on US, English, and Dutch colonial possessions: Pearl Harbor etc.

Aug. 1945 surrender