Imperialism and Japan
1868-1945

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Map of "feudal" Japan

Samurai

Shogun

Edo
(Tokyo in the 1600s)

Dutch ships in Nagasaki bay
Celebration of Shogun

Doctor reading a book of medicine

Perry's black ships

Map of World with Japan in Center

photo portrait of daimyo Shimazu Nariakira (1809-1858)

1855 Earthquake and fire
Young radical samurai ronin

Ronin Group making plans

Target Practice

British capture of Choshu battery, 1863

Rutgers students

Tokugawa embassy at Sphinx
Satsuma Western Ship

Battle of Fushimi (1868): Overthrow of Tokugawa

Imperial Troops enter Edo

"Emperor's New Clothes" (cabinet minister with Western clothes & mutton chops)

Okubo Toshimichi (1830-1878): advocate of Westernization

Fukuzawa Yukichi (1835-1901; 1860 photo) author of *An Outline Theory of Civilization*, 1875:

"In all the places touched by the Europeans are there any which have developed their power, attained benefits, preserved their independence? What has been the outcome in Persia, India, Siam, Luzon, and Java? ..."
Kishida Toshiko (1863-1901) advocate of women's rights

"If it is true that men are better than women because they are stronger, why aren't our sumo wrestlers in the government?"

Freedom Flag (ji-yu: "freedom")
The First Diet

Ginza district

London
*Daily Times*
representation of empires

3 Fishermen: Russia, China, Japan
(fish: Korea)

1895 Sino-Japanese war

Westernized Japanese troops battle crying Chinese
Wood print depicting treaty table

Russian Octopus

1904-05 Russo-Japanese War

Hospital Scene: Japanese care for Russians

Japanese troops chase Russians over a precipice

Protest March in Korea

Captured Independence Activists
French cartoon belittling Japanese attempts at Westernization (note the reflection)

Railway strike (Labor movement in the 1920s)

1931 Manchurian Incident: armored car

New Manchurian gov't: Manchu, Han, Mongols, Japanese

July 1937 Marco Polo Bridge Incident (troops capture gate)

Dec. 1937: civilian victims in Nanking
Starving Chinese: more deaths from starvation & disease than military

National Mobilization: “be patient … be tough”

Axis Alliance with Germany (note Hitler mustache)

Militarization of Culture: First Grade Textbook

Patriotic Toddlers
Lazy Enemies of the Country

Japanese Ad for War Bonds

Religious Fundamentalism: We must have more faith.

Bombs dropping like rain

Tokyo flattened by bombing

Radio announcement of defeat
Emperor's Clothes in 1936

Emperor's Clothes in 1945
(with General MacArthur)

The End
What next?