

## CHINA AND THE NEW IMPERIALISM

- I. The Trade Issue
  - a. China in control of trade
    - i. Restricted western trade to small areas
    - ii. Balance of trade – sum of imports and exports
      - 1. imports – goods that come into a country (negative)
      - 2. exports – goods that go out of a country (positive)
      - 3. favorable balance of trade is when you have more exports than imports
      - 4. trade deficit is when you have more imports than exports
    - iii. Late 1700s China had favorable balance of trade
  - b. Industrialization increased need for trade in China
- II. Opium War
  - a. West didn't have any products that China needed
  - b. British start selling opium to China in exchange for tea
    - i. Get Chinese addicted to opium
    - ii. Southeast asian nation borders follow opium farms
  - c. China recognized negative effects of drugs and stopped the trade
  - d. 1839 Chinese start attacking foreign opium ships
  - e. British navy attacks and destroys Chinese navy and coastal cities to protect Opium trade
  - f. Treaty of Nanjing
    - i. China pay indemnity – China pays Britain for war
    - ii. China gives Britain Hong Kong
    - iii. China opens 5 ports to trade
    - iv. China give British extraterritoriality
      - 1. British citizens governed by British law, not Chinese law in China
    - v. China gives Britain most favored nation status
      - 1. any trade treaty China makes, Britain gets same benefits
        - a. prevents China from cutting Britain out of trade
- III. Internal Pressures
  - a. Problems in China
    - i. Floods destroy crops, government becomes corrupt, wealthy avoid taxes – all burden peasants
    - ii. Taiping Rebellion
      - 1. peasant rebellion in reaction to bad conditions
      - 2. Objectives
        - a. Land reform
        - b. Communal ownership of property
        - c. Equality of men and women
        - d. Strict morality
        - e. Overthrow Qing dynasty
      - 3. Lasted 14 years, 20 million died
      - 4. Qing beat rebellion but had to give up power to regional leaders to do it

- IV. Reform Efforts
  - a. Conservative views
    - i. Wealth comes from land, not industry
    - ii. Christian focus on individual choice threaten Confucian ideal of order
    - iii. Western technology threaten successful Chinese ways
  - b. Self Strengthening movement
    - i. 1860's – reformers advocate western advances in technology and industry
      - 1. move slow because government doesn't support it.
  - c. War with Japan
    - i. Japan industrialized fast after western contact
    - ii. 1894 – Japan and China have war – Japan wins easily
    - iii. reveals weakness of China to world
  - d. Spheres of Influence
    - i. European powers carved China into pieces for European trade – France gets Indochina (Viet Nam)
    - ii. Open Door Policy
      - 1. Teddy Roosevelt – US policy to keep all Chinese trade open to everyone equally
        - a. US don't have power or ability to back it up – Britain goes along, so does world
- V. Empire Crumbles
  - a. Boxer Rebellion
    - i. Righteous Harmonious Fists
      - 1. secret society dedicated to getting rid of foreigners
      - 2. believed in magic that would prevent them from being killed by bullets
    - ii. 1900 – attack foreigners throughout China – were put down by an international force
  - b. Results
    - i. Forced all Chinese elites to accept western domination
      - 1. western schools
      - 2. women allowed in school
      - 3. trade diversified and manufacturing increased
      - 4. Chinese business class emerges
- VI. Chinese Nationalism
  - a. Boxer Rebellion failed but inspired Chinese nationalism
  - b. Sun Yixian (Sun Yat-sen) – called for republican government in China
    - i. Build China on “Three Principles of the People”
      - 1. nationalism – freedom from foreigners
      - 2. democracy – representative government
      - 3. livelihood – economic security for all Chinese
  - c. 1911 – rebellions begin when throne passes to 2 year old boy
    - i. republic named and Sun Yat Sen was made president