

World History
Japan: A Proper Place in the World

1. What did the Japanese mean by “a proper place in the world?” Compare this to the goals of western countries such as the U.S. and Britain.

2. Give the reasons why the Japanese went to war with each of the following countries:

China:

Great Britain:

United States:

3. Discuss the historical causes and effects of the Japanese conquest of Korea

4. Explain the economic reasons for the Japanese conquest of Manchuria? Were the Japanese acting any differently than the British in India? Explain.

5. What Japanese strengths and Chinese weaknesses allowed the Japanese to take over large parts of Chinese territory?

6. Imagine you are an unemployed worker in Japan during the 1930s. Would you support the new military Powers? Why or why not?

7. Describe some of the ways in which MacArthur's methods of rebuilding Japan changed the Japanese way of doing things.

8. Why are Japanese products in such great demand throughout the world?

9. Why is it so difficult for outsiders to market their goods in Japan? How does this relate to what you learned earlier in the year about Japan during the Age of Discovery and beyond?