

# Imperialism in Asia Activity

## The British in India

1. Why do you think it is significant that the British East India became the richest and most powerful company?
  
2. What do you think the British meant by calling India the “brightest jewel in the crown”?
  
3. Who were the sepoys?
  
4. What occurred as a result of the Sepoy Rebellion of 1857?
  
5. Why do you think it is important that Queen Victoria became the empress?

## British Raj (India)

6. What good things did the British do for India?
  
7. What negative things did the British do in India?
  
8. What do you think it means that the Indian National Congress inspired nationalism among Indians?

## Map

9. What do you think the saying, “the sun never sets on the British Empire” meant? (use the map to help answer it)

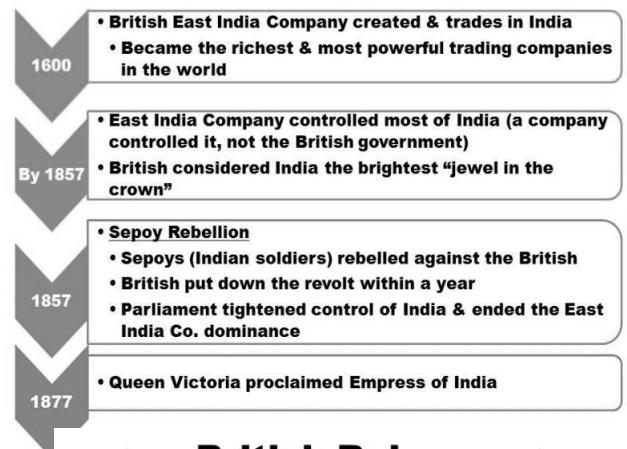
## Imperialism in China

10. Why do you suppose the British resorted to smuggling in opium to China?
11. Why did the Opium Wars start?
  
12. \_\_\_\_\_ won the Opium Wars.
13. Describe the Treaty of Nanjing of 1842.
  
14. By 1890, China is carved up into spheres of influence. Define the term: spheres of influence. (use your phone if you need to)
  
15. Do you see any places in the world today that you could say are spheres of influence? Where?

## 20<sup>th</sup> Century China

16. \_\_\_\_\_ created the Open Door Policy.
17. Why do you suppose that nation created it?
  
18. What occurred at the Boxer Rebellion?

## The British in India



## British Raj (India)

British tried to appease the Indians by building India's economy

Improvements:  
roads, railways,  
telegraph lines,  
canals, schools

British still attempted to change the ways of the people

Indian farmers forced to grow cotton instead of wheat (b/c British textile mills needed cotton)  
Lead to food shortage in India

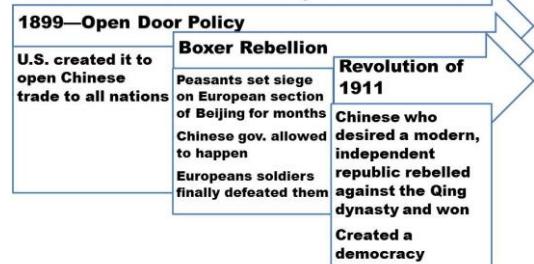
1885—Indian National Congress formed to gain more rights  
nationalism arose among Indians



## Imperialism in China



## 20<sup>th</sup> Century China



19. Why do you think it is significant that the Europeans were the ones to defeat the Boxers?

20. Why did the Revolution of 1911 begin?

21. As a result of the Revolution of 1911, the Chinese government formed a \_\_\_\_\_. Why do you think this is an interesting development?



### Political Cartoon

22. What are the chickens trying to do?

23. What is the significance of the U.S. and Japan location?

24. Which aspect of Imperialism in China that you just learned about do you think the cartoon is representing?

### Modernization of Japan

25. What did Matthew C. Perry do in 1853?

26. How did Japan industrialize?

27. Why do you think Japan began to industrialize?

28. What was the result of the Russo-Japanese War?

### Indochina

29. Why did the French get involved in Vietnam?

30. What did French control of Indochina look like?

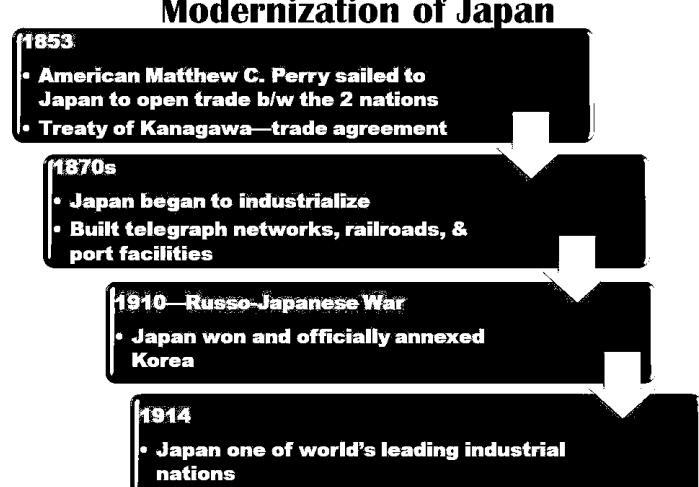
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31. What was “the Eastern Question”?

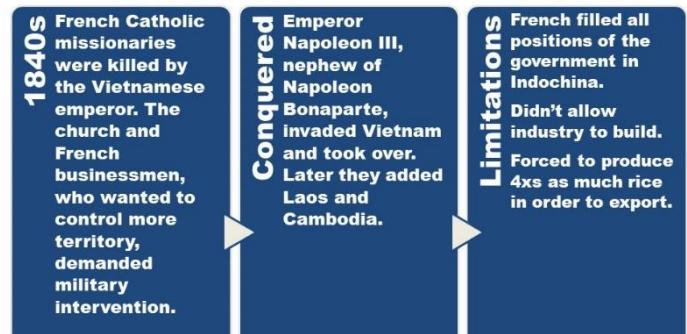
32. Define geopolitics- (use your phone if necessary)

33. What territory did they lose during this period?

34. Why do you think Germany, France, and Great Britain received economic rights in Ottoman territory?



### Indochina (Vietnam)



### Ottoman Decline

