



*From Middle Kingdom
to Modern Day Powerhouse
China: Part 1*

During the 19th century's "great age of Western imperialism," things were not so good for the countries being taken over, disempowered, or colonized by the European powers. The Europeans had developed a very successful formula for exploiting the people and resources of the world's weaker countries, and China was no exception. It became a major target and, therefore, a "field" for competition among the imperial powers, most notably Great Britain, Germany, Russia and, later Japan. By the mid-19th century, China's system of government under the Manchu Dynasty had proven that it was not at all up to resisting and preventing this Western exploitation of "the Middle Kingdom." China's loss to Britain in the so-called "Opium Wars" of the late 1830s and early 1840s was humiliating to the national pride of the Chinese, and new revolutionary movements - particularly among younger and better-educated Chinese - developed to try to overthrow the old Manchu imperial order.

Assignments this week:

Due Tuesday, 3/21: Pages 133 - 139.

(No class Friday due to parent conference half day.)

Due Tuesday, 3/28: Pages 142 - 148. Reading check-up quiz on pages 133-148. A writing topic will be handed out and begun after the quiz. (First draft due Friday, 3/31.)

Questions for consideration:

A CENTURY OF HUMILIATION, p. 133:

- ✓ List three ways in which the rulers of 19th century China tried to restrict trade and contact with foreigners:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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✓ *Name three of the principle trade goods that Europeans wanted from China:*

✓ *What was the "Open Door Doctrine"? How might the Chinese have viewed it?*

✓ *In what year did Manchu dynastic rule of China break up and come to an end?*

FATHER OF MODERN CHINA, P. 142

✓ *Give two reasons for the spread of Western ideas in China in the early 20th century:*

✓ *When and where does it appear that Sun Yat-sen picked up the ideas that would inspire his revolutionary campaign against Manchu rule?*

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- ✓ *Give one reason why Sun's "partnership" with Gen. Yuan Shih-kai to rule the new Republic of China in 1911 probably would have disappointed Sun if Yuan had survived:*

- ✓ *What was the reaction of Western countries when Sun asked them for recognition and aid?*
