

History of International Politics (East Asia focus) – [E]

“China as a Divided Republic (1912 to 1928)”

**Class Discussion Questions from “Japan and the USA
become Colonial Powers” Lecture.**

1. What was the context to, and meaning of, the expression “a dagger pointed at the heart of Japan”?
2. Why was Korea vulnerable to interference by outside powers in the late 1800s?
3. Very briefly describe Korea’s historical relationship with Qing China.
4. What was the Gapsin Coup in December 1884?
5. What was the Donghak Peasant Revolution in 1894?
6. What was the First Sino-Japanese War (August 1894 – April 1895)? What were its causes and consequences?

7. Discuss some of the reasons why Qing China lost the First Sino-Japanese War (August 1894 – April 1895)?

8. What was the context to, and meaning of, the expression “slicing the Chinese melon”?

9. What were the reasons for the USA becoming a colonial power in East Asia in the late 1800s?

10. What was the Russo-Japanese War (February 1904 – September 1905)? What were its causes and consequences?