

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

***“The International Consequences of World War Two in East Asia”***

**Class Discussion Questions from “The Road to World War Two (the late 1920s to 1942)” Lecture.**

1. Briefly describe the political situation inside the Republic of China in 1930 and 1931. What were some of its main problems and achievements?
2. What was the Great Depression (1929 to the late 1930s)?
3. What was the Mukden Incident (September 18<sup>th</sup> 1931)? What were its causes and consequences?
4. What was “Manchukuo” (1932 to 1945)?
5. What was the Long March (October 1934 to October 1935)? Why was it significant?
6. Who was Mao Zedong (1893 to 1976)?
7. What was the Xi’an Incident of December 1936? What happened as a result of the Xi’an Incident?

8. What were the consequences of the Marco Polo Bridge Incident of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1937?
  
9. What was the Nanking Massacre (December 1937 to January 1938)? Why is it still a sensitive issue between Japan and China today?
  
10. What was the Southern Expansion Doctrine? Why did Japan choose to follow it?
  
11. What was the Tripartite Pact (also known as the Axis Alliance) of September 27<sup>th</sup> 1940? Why was it significant in terms of US attitudes towards assisting China?
  
12. What were Japan's reasons for attacking Pearl Harbor on December 7<sup>th</sup> 1941?