

History of International Politics (Oriental) – [E]

“The Collapse of Imperial China (1895 - 1912)”

Class Discussion Questions

1. What was the First Opium War (1839 - 1842)?
2. What does the term ‘Unequal Treaties’ mean?
3. Discuss some examples of China’s domestic difficulties in the mid-1800s.
4. What does the term ‘extra-territoriality’ mean?
5. What was the Second Opium War (1856 - 1860)?
6. What was the Self-Strengthening Movement (1861-1895)? Why did it fail?

7. Who was Cixi? How did she influence political life in China before 1900?

8. Why did the British import opium into China?

9. Who was Commissioner Lin Zexu?

10. What was the “Treaty of Nanking” (1842)?

11. What was the Taiping Rebellion (1851 - 1864)?