

History of International Politics (East Asia)

Lecture 4 Homework Questions - Japan Emerges from Isolation (from the 1850s to 1895)

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1. What was Tokugawa Japan's closed country 'sakoku' policy? Why was it no longer a realistic policy by the 1850s?

2. What major events led to the collapse of the feudal shogunate (*bakufu*) system in Japan (1853-1867/68)?

3. What was the Meiji Restoration (1868 – 1912)?

4. What domestic and international challenges did early Meiji Japan have to deal with?
