History in East Asia

1850- East Asia (China and Japan) is non-industrialized, poor, weak, unstable, backward.

In contrast, Western countries like Europe and the US are industrialized rich, strong, modern.

Europeans force the East Asians to trade in unfair terms. (Monopoly pricing, getting resources and selling these items).

Since the Chinese are weak they do nothing.

The Japanese however, are smart and get industrialized by copying the European model and they push education and advancement.

Turning point (Russo-Japanese War) = Japan beats Russia—a Wow moment for the world.

1914-World War One begins (Russia + America + France and Germany participate, but NOT Japan) Europeans leave China because of the war. Europeans become weaker.

Japan needs resources but is now stronger

China has resources but is still weaker.

China is no longer bullied by the Europeans but now China is bullied by the Japanese.

Japan becomes even stronger.

1931-Japan invades northeast China (Manchuria). Japan gets stronger.

1937-Japan invades all of China and kills 250,000 people (Massacre at Nanking)

Japan gets very strong.

Japan does not give up China until World War Two ends (1945).