

## Japan ends its Isolation

- From the early 1600's to the mid 1800's Tokugawa Shoguns ruled Japan
- For 250 years Japan followed a strict policy of *isolationism*
- *Isolationism* = government policy of avoiding economic and/or political contact with other nations



- In 1853, President Millard Fillmore wanted to start a trading relationship with Japan
- President Fillmore sent Commodore Matthew Perry to deliver a letter to the Emperor of Japan
- Perry arrived in Tokyo harbor on steamships
- The Japanese were impressed with the technology they have never seen before



## Treaty of Kanagawa (1854)

- The Japanese realized that they could not defend itself against a westernized/modernized power so they agreed to sign a treaty with the United States

### The Provisions for the Treaty were:

- Peace and friendship between the United States and Japan.
- Opening of two ports to American ships
- Permission for American ships to buy supplies, coal, water, and other necessary provisions in Japanese ports
- Help for any American ships wrecked on the Japanese coast and protection for shipwrecked persons



What do you think this means???



## Meiji Restoration/Era

- Within 20 years of Perry's arrival, Japan undergoes a complete political and economic change
- The **MEIJI Era** is characterized by Japan reforming its economy and trying to be like the Western powers of the world



Emperor Meiji

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Industrialization leads to ??????????

## IMPERIALISM

2 examples of Japanese Imperialism

### 1) Sino-Japanese War (1894)

- China and Japan fight over Korean Peninsula
- Control of the Korean peninsula was vital for Japan
  - 1) Natural Resources
  - 2) Limited the threat of invasion
- China (Qing Dynasty) was weakened by the Opium Wars
- Japan wins; shows that the reforms being made during the Meiji Era are working



### 2) Russo-Japanese War (1904)

- Both powers went to war over Manchuria and parts of Korea
- Japan and Russia wanted access to the natural resources of the region
  - Russia also wanted a warm-water port
- Japan won and established itself as a new world power

