

Chapter 31: Societies at Crossroads Student Notes

1. Why were industrial states seeking out new consumer markets?
2. As the U.S. & Russia expanded their borders, whose example were they following?

China

3. Who was ruling the Qing Empire?
4. What were the Opium Wars and why did they happen?
5. The results of the Opium Wars were the establishment of the Unequal Treaties. Describe these.
6. What was the Taiping Rebellion? How did it end?
7. What was the Boxer Rebellion? How did it end?
8. Briefly describe the last gasps of the Qing dynasty.

Japan

9. How had the Tokugawa isolationist policies hurt Japan?
10. Describe how the U.S. convinced Japan to become friends and open trade.
11. What led to the Meiji Restoration? What was the Meiji Restoration?
12. What occurred in the Meiji Reformation?

Russia

13. Describe the relationship between the tsar and his people, especially including the (former) serfs.
14. How did Russia decide to industrialize? What were the advantages and disadvantages of this system?
15. How did the peasants respond to the rapid industrialization?
16. What did the government do about protestors and reformers?
17. Describe the Russo-Japanese War.
18. How did the post-war protests lead to reforms? What reforms occurred?

Ottoman Empire

19. How did the Ottoman Empire lose the Balkans?
20. How did the Ottoman Empire lose the Egyptians?
21. Describe the Egyptian reign of Muhammad Ali.
22. Reforms were usually blocked by the Janissaries, who were afraid to lose their power. How did Mahmud II finally eliminate this problem?
23. How did Mahmud II change the Ottoman Empire?
24. Describe the Young Turks.