

Aim: How did imperialism affect China?

I. Imperialism in China

1. Countries like GB, Germany, Russia, France and Japan wanted China
2. China traded things like tea, porcelain and silk for gold and silver
3. GB traded opium from India for Chinese tea
4. Chinese people became addicted to opium
5. Chinese people began to trade silver for the opium which disrupted the economy

II. Opium War

1. 1839-1842
2. China outlawed opium and asked the British to stop trading it
3. The British did not accept this
4. Opium War started when Chinese junks attempted to turn back the English
5. The Chinese old-style weapons and artillery, were no match for the British gunships
6. 1842, the Chinese agreed to an abusive peace under the Treaty of Nanjing

III. Treaty of Nanjing

1. Britain demanded "extraterritoriality"
2. This means that all British citizens would be subjected to British law in China
3. The British gained five open ports and no restrictions for trade
4. Opium trade more than doubled in the three decades following the Treaty of Nanjing.
5. Britain gained indemnity, which was payment for all losses incurred during the war
6. Hong Kong was ceded to the British

IV. Uprisings in China

1. White Lotus Rebellions and Taiping Rebellion: failed attempts to overthrow government
2. 30,000,000 died during the Taiping Rebellion
3. The Chinese lost the Sino-French and Sino-Japanese Wars
4. Germany, France, Russia, Britain and Japan all started spheres of influence in China
5. Open Door Policy: US pledged its support of the Chinese government and announced equal trading privileges among all imperial powers.