

Timeline Worksheet: Answer Key

Below are answers for the top half of the worksheet; answers for the bottom half of the worksheet can be transferred from Handout 4.

1905

Event: *Treaty of Portsmouth Signed*

Description: *Ended the Russo-Japanese War. Gave Japan control of railway lines and recognized Japan as the exclusive foreign power in Korea.*

Goal of U.S.: *"Open-Door" access to China*

Goal of Japan: *Emerge as the dominant international power in the Asian sphere-get into China*

1914

Event: *Japan joins Allies in WWI*

Description: *Japan took possession of German colonial operations in China, signed Ishii-Lansing agreement with the U.S.*

Goal of U.S.: *Get Japan to agree not to interfere with their interests in China*

Goal of Japan: *Be recognized as having special privileges in Manchuria*

1917

Event: *Treaty of Versailles*

Description: *Japan was invited to take part in writing the treaty to end WWI.*

Goal of U.S.: *Establish the League of Nations*

Goal of Japan: *Establish clear control of German possessions in China and be recognized as the racial equals of the West/whites*

1918

Event: *Japan was asked to help defeat the Bolshevik Revolution*

Description: *President Wilson asked Japan to join the U.S., Great Britain, and France in supporting the anti-communist forces, but the alliance soon fell apart due to competing interests.*

Goal of U.S.: *Keep Japan from establishing sphere of influence in Asia*

Goal of Japan: *Wanted sphere of influence in Russia*

1922

Event: *International Peace Conference*

Description: *Attempt to rebuild relationships and maintain world peace. Japan agreed to restrict their naval tonnage in exchange for promises from the West to not build naval fortifications in Asia. Nations also agreed to consult each other over Asian matters and recognize the territorial integrity of China.*

Goal of U.S.: *Maintain alliance, while also protecting own interests in China*

Goal of Japan: *Maintain their status with the West and protect their Asian Sphere*

1924

Event: *Immigration Act*

Description: *U.S. restricted immigration for all nations ineligible for citizenship, which included Japan.*

Goal of U.S.: *Restrict immigration (students must infer)*

Goal of Japan: *Demonstrate displeasure with the Act*

1931

Event: *Manchurian Railway explosion (the Manchurian Incident)*

Description: *Japanese military was responsible but blamed the Chinese.*

Goal of U.S.: *Make Japan back down*

Goal of Japan: *Take control of entire region, prepare for eventual all-out war with the U.S.*

1932

Event: *Creation of Manchukuo*

Description: *Military established an independent state.*

Goal of U.S.: *Make Japan withdraw from Manchuria*

Goal of Japan: *Demonstrate and establish dominance in China*

1933

Event: *Lytton Report*

Description: *The League of Nations investigated the claim the Japanese were assisting the Manchurians to establish an independent state from the Chinese. This report found this claim to be false and deemed Japan in violation of the international treaties signed in 1922.*

Goal of U.S.: *Force Japan to withdraw from Manchuria in order to protect their own interests in China.*

Goal of Japan: *Demonstrate and establish dominance in China*

1933

Event: *Japan withdrew from the League of Nations*

Description: *After the U.S. agreed with the findings of the Lytton Report, Japan withdrew from the League of Nations.*

Goal of U.S.: *Support their Western Allies and own interests in China.*

Goal of Japan: *Demonstrate their displeasure at the findings (students must infer)*

1933

Event: *Japan pushed further into China*

Description: *Japan pushed into the province of Jehol in China.*

Goal of U.S.: *Find way to maintain peace*

Goal of Japan: *Maintain dominance in China*