Japan Modernizes
1850-1912
American Interests

• 1849 Gold Rush
• Trans-Continental Railroad
• Purchase of Alaska
• Whaling in the North Pacific
• Trade with China
Matthew Perry

- Leader of US group
- Distinguished career
- Technology leader
Abe Masahiro

- Head of bakufu Senior Council (roju)
- Key fudai daimyo
- Conciliator
Tokugawa Nariaki

- Shimpan daimyo
- One of sanke lords
- Lord of Mito
- Mito center for historical study
- Sonno (Revere the Emperor)
- Xenophobe leader
Pacific Interests of U.S.
Perry’s First Visit

Nagasaki

Edo

Uranga
Internal Japanese Politics

• Crisis caused by Perry’s visit
• *Kaikoku* (open the country)
  • Ii Naosuke
• *Joi* (expell the barbarians)
  • Tokugawa Nariaki
• Poll of *daimyo*
Perry’s Second Visit
Treaty of Kanagawa (1854)
TOWNSEND HARRIS

• Establishment of
• U.S.-Japanese Relations
Harris Arrives in Japan

• Arrived in Shimoda (August 21, 1856)
• Bakufu seemed surprised
• Housing for Harris
• Restrictions on Harris’ movements
Nagasaki
Signing & Aftermath

• Harris pressed for the signing of the treaty.
• Hotta resigned taking responsibility for the U.S. Commercial Treaty.
• Ii Naosuke becomes tairo. (July 4)
• Treat signed July 29, 1858.
• Ii justifies the signing of the treaty.
Questions Facing Japan

• Can Japan defend herself?
• Can the Tokugawa Peace continue?
• Can Japan retain her independence?
• Who will be the next shogun?
End of Tokugawa
Meiji Restoration

- Role of Satsuma & Choshu
- Role of former Tokugawa domains
Iwakura Mission 1871-73
Meiji Leaders

Kido Koin

Okubo Toshimichi
Formosa Expedition
1874
The Last Samurai

Saigo Takamori
The Last Samurai

Saigo Takamori
Satsuma Domain
Satsuma Samurai
Government Troops
Kumamoto Castle
Rivals and Colleagues

Yamagata Aritomo

Ito Hirobumi
Constitution 1889
First Sino-Japanese War
1894-95
Togo & Battle of Tsushima
Treaty of Portsmouth
Boxer Rebellion 1900
Russo-Japanese War
Second Sino-Japanese War
1937-1945