Americans Come to Japan

The Perry Expedition
American Interests

• 1849 Gold Rush
• Trans-Continental Railroad
• Purchase of Alaska
• Whaling in the North Pacific
• Trade with China
Pacific Interests of U.S.
Dramatus Personae
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
Perry’s First Visit

Nagasaki

Uranga

Edo
Internal Japanese Politics

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