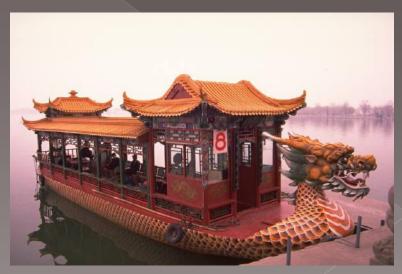
### Imperialism in China



# Early Contacts with Europeans



- 16<sup>th</sup> century Portuguese traded for silk and tea
- Portuguese followed by the Dutch and English



### Chinese History



- 1644 conquered by Manchus
  - Qing dynasty
  - Chinese forced to wear pigtails (sign of subservient status)
- 18<sup>th</sup> century
  - Manchus began restricting Europeans missionaries and traders

## First Opium War (1839-1842)



- British brought opium from India to Canton
  - Many Chinese became addicts
- Chinese emperor forbade opium imports
  - War between British and Chinese
- Treaty of Nanking (1842)
  - Four additional British ports in China
    - Amoy, Ningpo, Foochow, Shanghai
  - British control over Hong Kong
  - China had to pay an indemnity
  - > China limited to 5% tariff



## Other Westerners in China



- Belgium, France, Holland (Netherlands),
  Portugal, Prussia (Germany), United
  States
- Spheres of influence
  - Exclusive trading areas
- Extraterritoriality
  - Tried in their own courts and under their own laws

## Second Opium War (1856-1860)



- Also known as the Arrow War
- Results
  - More Chinese ports opened up to European trade
  - Opium traffic legalized
  - Protection of Christian missionaries
  - All foreign vessels could navigate the Yangtze River
  - > U.S. and Russia also participated in peace process
    - Russia's border extended to Amur River
      - Maritime Provinces Pacific area without permafrost
      - Founded Vladivostok in 1860

# More Foreign Control of China



- Annam, etc.
  - Merged into French Indo-China (1883)
- Burma (Myanmar)
  - Annexed by British (1886)
- Formosa
  - Attacked and taken by Japanese (1895)
- Korea
  - Annexed by Japanese (1910)
- Liaotung Peninsula (Manchuria)
  - Concessions to Japanese (1910)



#### Manchuria



- Imperial powers (particularly Japan and Russia) vied for control of the Manchurian Railway
- France, Germany, and Russia coerced
  Japan to return the Liaotung Peninsula to China

## New Scramble for China



- France
  - Kwangchow 99-year lease
- Germany
  - Shantung Peninsula sphere of influence
- Great Britain
  - Wei-hai-wei naval base
  - Yangtze valley sphere of influence
- Russia
  - Liaotung Peninsula lease
  - Manchuria economic concessions



### Open Door Policy



- Proposed by U.S. Secretary of State John Hay (1899)
- Fear that China would be carved up between imperialist powers
- Left China's independence and territory intact
- All nations could trade equally in China
- Endorsed internationally
  - > But not always strictly followed



### Boxer Rebellion (1900)



- Chinese people resented foreign influence and power
- Order of the Patriotic Harmonious Fists
  - Called "Boxers" by Westerners
  - Demanded that foreigners leave China
  - Killed circa 300 and vandalized foreign property
- European imperialists, Americans, and Japanese put down the rebellion
- China paid \$333,000,000 in damages and had to permit military forces in Peking (Beijing) and Tientsin

# Fall of the Qing (Manchu) Dynasty

- Empress Dowager Cixi (1835-1908)
  - De facto Chinese monarch (1861-1908)
  - "Make me unhappy for a day and I will make you unhappy for a lifetime."
  - Conservative and anti-foreign
  - Blamed by many Chinese for foreign imperialist power in China



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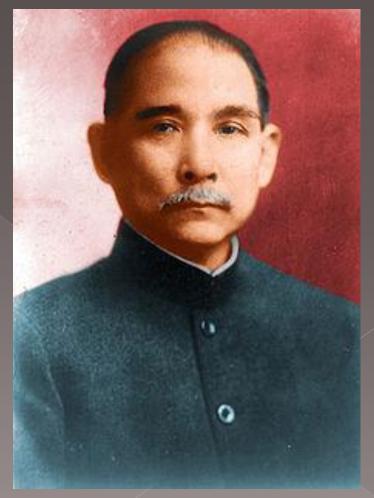
- Emperor Puyi the "Last Emperor"
  - Lived 1906-1967
  - Ruled China 1908-1912, and as a puppet for 12 days in 1917
  - Puppet emperor of Manchukuo (Japanese-ruled Manchuria), 1932-1945
  - Spent ten years in a Soviet prison after WWII
  - Lived a quiet life as a regular citizen in communist China
  - Died of disease during the Cultural Revolution (1967)



### Republican Revolution



- Sun Yat-sen (Sun Yixian)
  - Founded Kuomintang (Nationalist party)
    - Overthrew Manchu (Qing) dynasty
    - Established a republic
    - President of Chinese
      Republic who succeeded
      him Yuan Shih-k'ai



## Republic of China: Weaknesses



- Disunity
  - Local warlords fought Kuomintang for control
  - Wars raged between 1912 and 1928
- Foreign imperialists
  - Americans, Europeans, and Japanese
- Poor transportation
  - > 1914 only 6,000 miles of railroad track
    - 225,000 miles in the smaller United States
  - Few decent roads

### Foreign Imperialists



- Twenty-One Demands (1915)
  - Japan attempted to make China a Japanese protectorate
  - Action condemned and stopped by other leading world powers
- World War I and the Treaty of Versailles
  - China attempted to abolish concessions and extraterritoriality
    - Attempt failed
  - China did not sign the Treaty of Versailles
  - Japan gained mandate over most of Germany's Asian possessions and rights

# Three Principles of the People



- Book published by Sun Yat-sen before his death in 1925
  - 1. Principle of Minquán
    - Democracy the people are sovereign
  - Principle of Mínzú
    - Nationalism an end to foreign imperialism
  - 3. Principle of Minsheng
    - Livelihood economic development, industrialization, land reform, and social welfare – elements of progressivism and socialism

### Growth of Communism



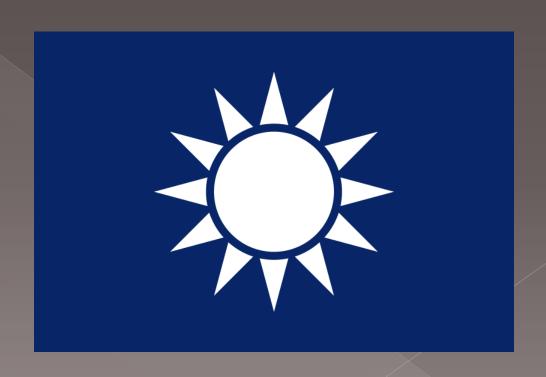
- Sun Yat-sen appealed for Russian (Soviet) aid following the Versailles Conference
  - 1921-1925 China received advisors, arms, communist propaganda, and loans
  - Russia revoked its imperialist rights in China



### The Kuomintang is Split



- Right wing
  - Business people
  - Politicians
- Left wing
  - Communists
  - Intellectuals
  - Radicals
  - Students



### Nationalist Revolution



- Sun Yat-sen succeeded by Chiang Kaishek
- Communists expelled by Kuomintang
- 1926-1928 war to control the warlords
- Capital moved from Peiping (a.k.a. Peking, today's Beijing) to Nanking (Nanjing)

#### Civil War in China



- 1927-1932 and 1933-1937 war between Communists and Nationalists
- Communists Mao Tse-tung (Mao Zedong)
- Nationalists Chiang Kai-shek
- War halted 1932-1933 and 1937-1945 to fight Japanese aggression
- Communists were victorious in 1949
- Nationalists retreated to Formosa (Taiwan)
- End of imperialism in China
  - Hong Kong returned to China in 1997

#### Review Questions



- What Chinese goods were sought by European traders?
- What were the consequences of the First and Second Opium Wars?
- Describe the Open Door Policy.
- What was the Boxer Rebellion?
- What were Japan's Twenty-One Demands?
- Describe Sun Yat-sen's three principles.
- What area of China remained under British control until 1997?