

Regional Timeline/Outline for: East Asia

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| | PERIOD 1 & 2 800BCE-600CE | PERIOD 3 600-1450 | PERIOD 4 1450-1750 | PERIOD 5 1750-1900 | PERIOD 6 1900-Present |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---|--|--|
| Politics | Dynasties with emperor's mandate of heaven Start of bureaucracy /meritocracy | Japan borrowed from China Increased bureaucracy Tributary system Constant threat from North Prince Shotoku then daimyos | Fall of Ming from internal/external – Manchu Japan: Warring States Period to Tokogawa Shogunate Centralized rule | Abdication of Qing, unification of China Fight for control with Mao Japan: abolishes feudalism, Civil code, regional govts Nationalism = huge force | Decolonization from Europe Nominally democratic Tensions- China and West USSR/China split Birth of Chinese Republic Japan: parliamentary capitalism |
| Economy | Lots of money flowing in from Silk Roads Otherwise agricultural | Paper money Credit or "flying money" High taxes cause peasant revolts Serfs bound to land | China: trade with Europeans in Qing Japan: manufacturing, merchant class get wealth and power , urbanization, population growth | Provide labor for plantations/mines Meiji Restoration- quickly industrialized in Japan | Modernization of Japan, Taiwan, South Korea Post- industrial/high-tech Less affected by global depression Need natural resources |
| Social Class/ Gender | Patriarchal Confucian principles Women only power in court Scholars/officials → military → artisans Few live in cities | Code of Bushido- chivalry Women lost freedom in Japan | Foreigners allowed in China Manchus higher than Chinese Japan: hierarchy becomes unbreakable, samurai at top lower class women more free – upper obey or die | Rigid Tokogawa hierarchy ended Middle class grows power Lower classes- horrible conditions, taxed a lot | Slow to embrace/tolerate diversity and individualism High degree/variety social services Rise of feminism- suffrage Women went worked WWII Foot binding outlawed |
| Science/ Inventions | Iron Age Modernized army Paper, accurate sundials/calendars, agriculture improvements (plow) | Gunpowder for military Boasts = junks Navigation/block printing Iron production Agriculture technique → population → cities | Gunpowder more prevalent Globalization of trade | British introduced opium to China Westernization of Japan - steamships/railroads Communication revolution | Atomic bombs Nuclear weaponry Militarism in Japan Computer, internet, biotechnology and genetic science |
| Art/ Architecture | Brush painting Palaces | Infrastructure (roads, inns, postal stations) Japan: haiku, pencil sketches, ink sketches, Noh drama, tea ceremony | Japan: kabuki theatre replaces restrained drama, Woodblock prints = art form, borrowed Korean ceramics and western oil painting | Artistic styles change more rapidly and radically than ever before | Theme for lit- resisting US New style= cubism Movie industry Use of concrete and glass New skepticism |
| Empire | Collapse of empires in China from internal problems – economic depression, natural catastrophe, social unrest | Mongol empires – conquer China, but fail in Japan → replaced by Ottoman Turks and Ju Yuanzahng of Ming dynasty | Japan empire centralized Fall of the Manchu empire Interaction with west = China – relatively isolated, Japan- periods of isolation and acceptance | The fall of China – opium wars, internal rebellions, external lasses, Boxer Rebellion Japanese imperialism- Taiwan, Korea, Russia | Japan- WWII- invades Manchuria, China, Siberia – taking over Southeast Asia, Bomb Pearl Harbor – brings US into war → atomic bomb → US occupies Japan |
| Religion | Polytheism, animism ancestor worship Confucianism, Legalism Daoism, also spread of Buddhism from India | Buddhist missionaries Shinto religion Influenced by monotheistic religions Neo- Confucian thought | New sects of Buddhism from China to Japan Neo- Confucianism increase (ethnocentric, historicism, rationalism) | Scientific/secular world becomes dominant | Religious fundamentalism Western appreciation for science spread |