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A history of encounter between East and West
Marco Polo and Ching Ho

China and the West

Ching /Manchus (1644-1911)

Opium Wars (1839-1842)

Empress Dowager Tsu Hsi and US Sec. of State John Hay

Japan and the West

Kamakura Period and Samurai culture

Toyotomi Hideyoshi (1536 – 1598)

Meiji Restoration

Iwakura Mission 1871

Influences in the arts and fashions

Art

Noh

Kabuki

First Sino-Japanese War (1894-95).

Second Sino-Japanese War (1937–45).

Pearl Harbor 1941

How do we remember and teach history?

Textbooks

Museums

“The past is not dead. In fact, it's not even past.” William Faulkner

Orientalism

A western way of “knowing” the east as “other.”

The Asian American Experience

Rudyard Kipling, “The White Man's Burden,” 1899

Take up the White Man's burden--

Send forth the best ye breed--

Go bind your sons to exile

To serve your captives' need;

To wait in heavy harness,

On fluttered folk and wild--

Your new-caught, sullen peoples,

Half-devil and half-child.