



概念集:現代化VS強國



K.W.HO 的話 - 革命・顛覆所有

從小開始,我就不喜歡讀書,會考時開始認真讀書只是為了追女仔,希望能令女神刮目相看。高考後開始做補習導師也只是因為山窮水盡,連袋有當時全副身家的銀包也遺失,迫於無奈只好「賣身」開始補習生涯。一切都是緣份,又或者是宿命。

由執教第一年就已經計劃如何結束補習生涯,但又不甘心自己的付出會隨著自己的退潮而埋藏於世。正如我高考後開設歷史科博客,就是希望能夠將我在高考期間歸納的應試心得及答題技巧、撰寫的數百篇範文公諸於世,流傳開去,令我曾經的努力變成無可估量的價值,改變其他人的思維,甚至乎是命運。

由一開始執教 DSE 課程,我已經訂立了明確的目標——我希望用我的思維、 技巧去掀起一場學術革命,破除舊有背誦式的讀法及雜亂無章的答法,確 立思考及邏輯性主導的讀法和系統性的答法。學術革命要達致成功,首先 必須要提高接觸率及廣泛性。為此,我於 2015 年加盟大型補習社[英皇教 育],並於隨後幾年稱霸歷史科市場,每年門生數以千計,5**學生人數亦 冠絕全港,遠超同行。

今年,我終於下定決心實踐革命夢的最後一步,也是最重要的一步,就是利用我多年來嘔心瀝血製作而成的數千頁筆記去推動學術革命。讓學生免費使用我的 Unbeatable Notes 以取代傳統非考試主導、低效用的教科書,藉此達致全面滲透入學生層的效用。除此之外,我也要改變歷史科的市場模式,由過往的「付費學習」變成「免費學習」,同學可以在無須付費的情況底下獲得數千頁的補習教材,即使是窮學生也能憑藉強大的筆記以提高自己的能力,改變自己的命運。

為實現學術革命的目的,我歡迎任何學生或老師免費使用此 Unbeatable Notes 作教學,亦希望各使用者能夠將此筆記推廣出去,令學術革命能夠開花結果。



背·輸個試

很多人以為我 AL 時以 88%的求敗分數取得 A 級成績(比一般年份的 A 級成績 cut off 高出達 20%分數)應該是沒有補習,純粹靠自己的天份和努力而取得。恰恰相反,我的歷史科成績是補習了 3 年的結果。如果我當年只是滿足於會考的 A 級成績,又或者只是滿足於學校的第一名成績,或許就沒有現在的我。

一般學生讀歷史科的最大障礙就是自以為背了課題的內容就可以取得好成績,這是我多年的教學經驗,每年接觸眾多重考生而得到的結論。歷史科是一科對於提問字眼和邏輯推理要求均是極高的科目,在眾多 DSE 科目中被譽為最講究答題技巧的科目也不失為過。然而,許多同學在讀歷史科仍然抱著「背」的心態,雖然可能足以應付校內測驗考試,自我感覺良好,但一到公開考試及放榜時,轉眼就變成「陳再修」,這是每年我所接觸的重考生大多存在的問題,而這些重考生當中不少更是曾經上網購買了我的筆記,死記爛背的學生。

其實歷史科是極為容易攞高 grade 的科目,我有學生由零開始新修歷史科,合共讀了不足 10 個月就取得 5**;也有重考生第一年取 Level 2,然後重考躍升上 5**(可參考《五星星考卷集:傳奇集》)。相比大多科目,歷史科更容易創造出傳奇成績,原因在於歷史科講究思維及答法,同時課程範圍偏小,令理解考試這個遊戲的學生更加容易突圍而出。如果不懂考試,一味以為背就可以取得好成績,最終只會在拉 curve 的考試制度下,淪為上述考試精英的踏腳石。

成績越叻的考生一般求知欲強,慣性思考,學然後知不足,希望透過不斷學習以力臻完善,這類型學生亦普遍被視為是聰明的學生。成績較差的考生一般求知欲低,不好思考但喜愛背誦,自以為背完就能夠應付一切,這類型學生亦普遍被視為是愚蠢的學生。其實要成為一個聰明的學生,抑或是一個愚蠢的學生,許多時並非取決於智商,而是取決於選擇,正如讀歷史科時,你選擇用腦去讀,還是選擇用背的方式去讀?

"The more I read, the more I acquire, the more certain I am that

I know nothing."- Voltaire



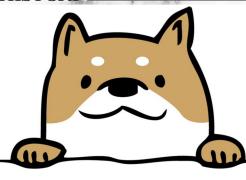
現代化 VS 強國

「現代化」與「強國」是歷史科中不時會問及的重要字眼。然 而,這兩個概念卻是許多同學都混淆,甚至會攪錯的常犯概念 錯誤,以致作答題目時答非所問。

為了讓同學更加清楚掌握「現代化」及「強國」的概念,希望同學在區分清楚「現代化」和「強國」的同時,更加能夠快速熟讀中國、日本、香港等會問及上述字眼的課題,故撰寫此小冊子。



新修



傳奇

麗雯,原本只是 DSE 的落榜者。於 2015 年 DSE 中僅取得 16 分的分數,無緣升讀大學。

在重考該年,麗雯決定新修歷史(原本未有讀過歷史科),由 2015 年 7 月開始報讀 K.W.HO Summer Course, 再跟足 Regular Course(9 月-2 月)及 Capture Star Course(3 月), 並應考 Mock(2 月)。最終,於 2016 年 4 月應考 DSE, 取得了 5**的成績,開創新修傳奇。

一般日校學生雖然讀歷史科的時間較長,但同時積累的陋習較多,例如 DBQ points 過少、亂用駁論、比較題沒有真正比較、段落冗贅等等,要改正此等問題需要花費的時間較多。正等如一個人走錯了路,要走回正軌需要花費更多路程。

但新修學生的好處是一張白紙,教什麼就直接消化及套用。尤其是在極為講究答題方法及模式的歷史科,若能一開始就學正確的答題方法,就能省卻了糾正錯誤所需要的時間。

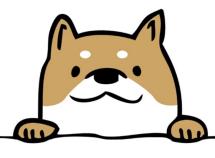
因此,愈早學習正確的方法就愈能保障自己的成績,獲取好成績。



* 麗雯和 Felix 均完整報讀 K.W.HO 之鑽 石組合課程(Summer, Regular, Capture Star Course 和 Mock)。



重考



傳奇

Felix,同樣也只是 DSE 的落榜者。於 2016 年 DSE 中僅取得 13 分的成績,連升讀副學士的選擇也不多。

Felix 於 2016 年考 DSE 也曾經報讀 K.W.HO 的 Intensive Course,但當時的 Felix 無心向學,在沒有充足準備的情況底下應考歷史科,僅取得 Level 2 的成績。

於 2016 年 DSE 放榜後,Felix 決心重考,一雪前恥,默默耕耘,由 Summer Course 去到 Regular Course,再去到 Capture Star,一直堅持 奮鬥,並且也應考了 Mock 以取得寶貴的實戰經驗,最終成功創造重 考奇蹟,由 Level 2 躍升至 5**,創造重考傳奇!



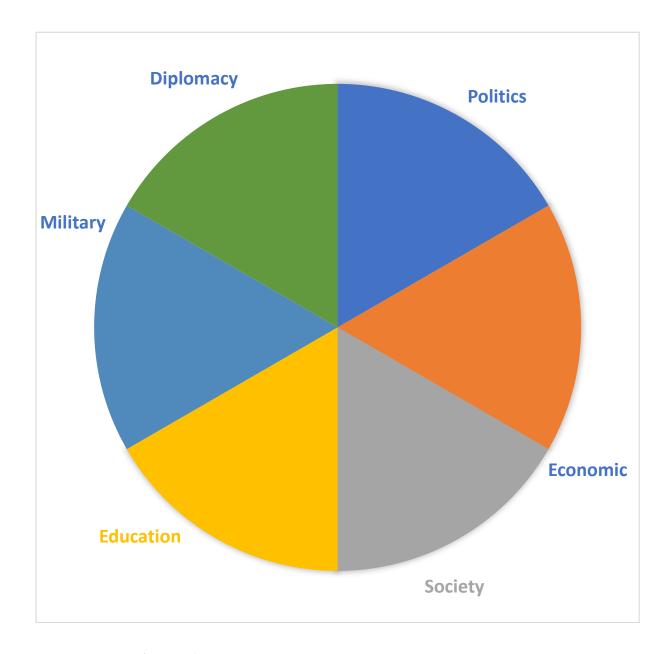
Felix(左)和雪冰(右)均是 K.W.HO 的 門生。Felix 重考由 Level 2 跳升至 5**,雪冰由 Level 4 升至 5*!

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Modernization

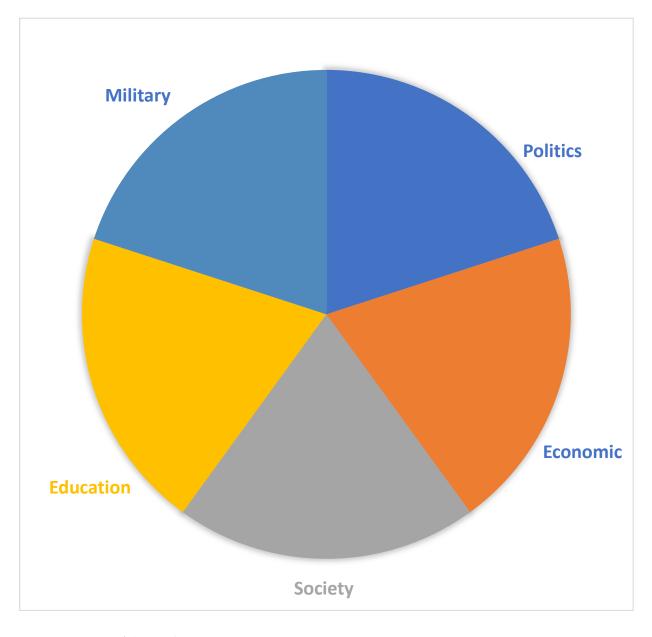
A modernized country or region must have got rid of backwardness and feudalism, being modern and civilized in nature.





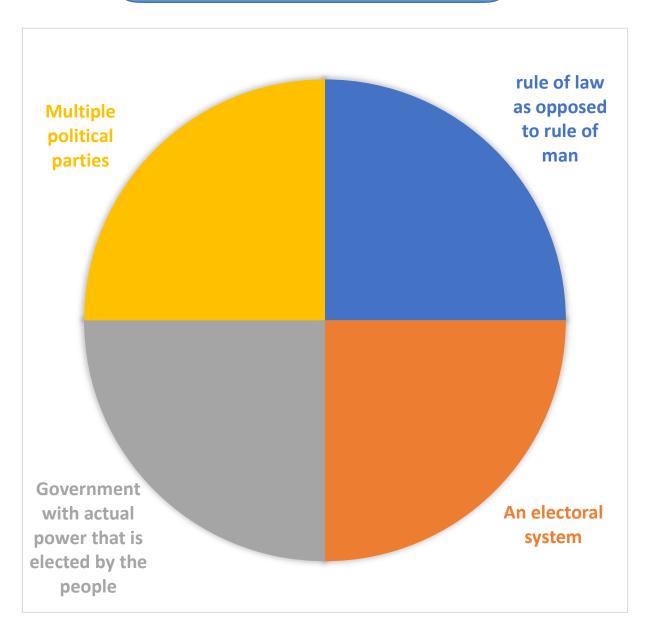


A "Power" refers to a powerful nation which could be determined in two aspects. On one hand it refers to the nation which had great hard power such as economy and military; on the other hand, the nation had huge soft power with lots of influence on the political, educational and cultural aspects. This great power could not only stand firmly in the international scene; she could even shape the world's development.





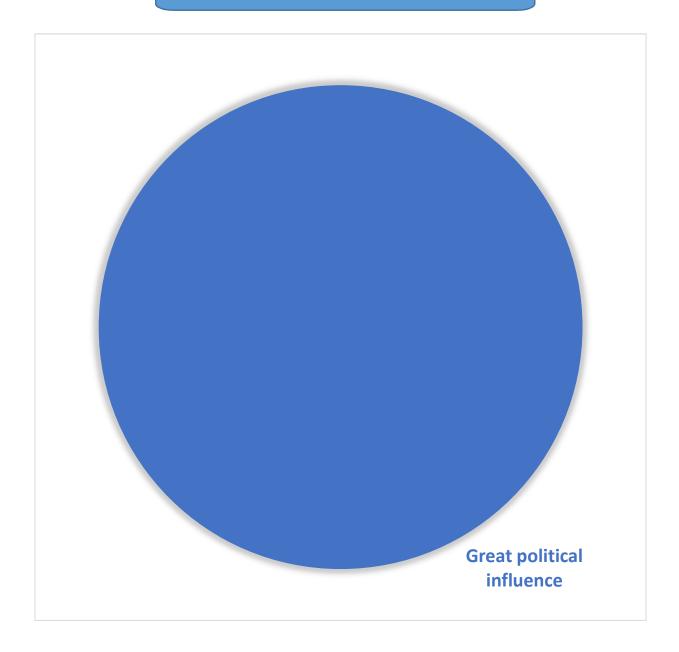
Political Modernization



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Political Modernization

	Example 🗸	Example X
	Japan (After the WW2)	China (Late Qing period)
	The Showa Constitution abolished	The Outline of Constitution by Imperial
	the power of the Emperor, there was	Order, promulgated by the Qing Court in
	no need for the Cabinet to	1908, stated that the Emperor enjoyed
	responsible for the Emperor but the	superior power. This was apparently rule
	citizens.	of man instead of rule of law. In addition,
Rule of law		government bodies such as the National
as opposed		Assembly (1910) and the Cabinet (1911)
to rule of		were responsible to the Emperor instead
man		of the people. The Cabinet even had its
		members all appointed directly by the
		Emperor and was dominated by royal
		families (7 out of 13), being not
		representative of the people. It was clear
		that the government was responsible to
		the ruler instead of the people.
	Japan (After the WW2)	China (Nanjing decade)
	The Showa Constitution granted all	The Nanjing government did follow Sun
An electoral	adults the right to vote, no matter	Yat-sen's 'Fundamentals of National
system	their sex. This changed the old	Reconstruction' to proceed from military
	situation that only male had the	rule to political tutelage and to
*Attention:	right to vote. This brought Japan	constitutional government, but the
there are	political modernisation.	constitution was not adopted until 1946
different		due to the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese
voters' ratio		War(1937), and China was stuck in the
in different		phase of political tutelage at that time.
time		Notwithstanding attempts at five-power
		separation, the people did not enjoy
		voting rights and electoral system was not
		established in China.



Japan (After the WW2) China (After the 1911 Revolution) Showa Constitution removed the The one established after the revolution Government power of the emperor. Also, the did not correspond with the idea of elected bodies had real power. For 'democracy' proposed by Sun Yat-sen. with actual power that instance, parliament Yuan Shikai, after becoming was is elected by responsible for the people but not Provisional President, gradually assumed military and political power, and even the people the emperor, as well as the cabinet was not controlled by the militarists reinstated monarchy by making himself as well. This allowed the elected China's Emperor in 1915. bodies to use their power and could be independent and autonomous in making decisions. Japan (After the WW2) China (Nanjing decade) The Showa Constitution allowed The Nanjing government followed the Multiple multi-party system so there were principle of 'running the state through the political different parties such as the Liberal political party' and adopted one-party Democratic Party and the Socialist dictatorship, eliminating opposition by parties Party. purging the communists relentlessly. This was not a multi-party system that characterizes modernization.



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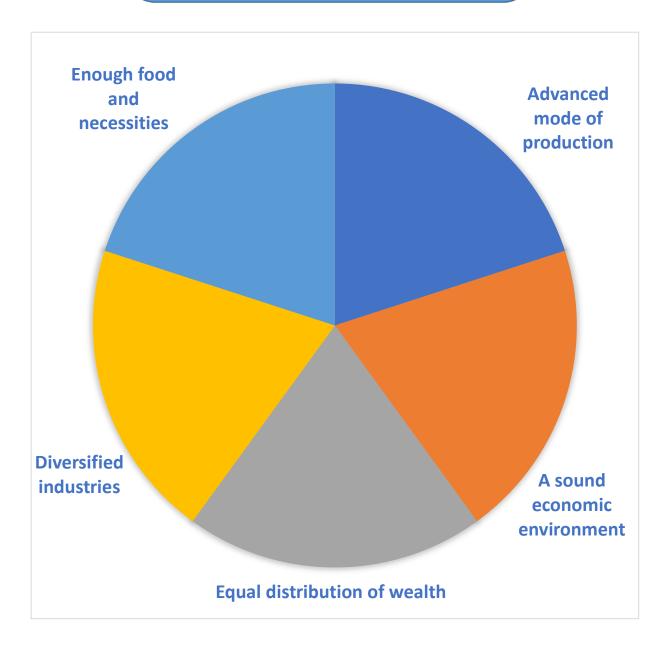
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	US and USSR (Cold War era)	Eastern European countries (Cold War era)
	The US and the USSR were the two	The East European countries were
	superpowers during the Cold War	controlled by the USSR and became its
	period. They were the leader of the	satellite countries. For instance, when
	capitalist idea and the communist	Czech was trying to have a liberal reform, it
	idea respectively. They influenced the	was soon cracked down by the Warsaw
	operation of many countries,	Pact.
	particularly the revolution of the	
	communist idea by the USSR affected	
Great	many political power such as China	
political	and the North Korea.	
influence	Japan (The late 20th century)	China (The early 20th century)
	Japan played an active role in	At the beginning of the 20th century, China
	international affairs during the end of	became the "colony of the colonial powers"
	the 20th century. It became the	of the powers. China signed the "Twenty-
	world's largest aid donor in 1991 and	One Demands" under Japan's coercion and
	has also played an important role in	lure, and also became Japan's protectorate.
	North Korea's nuclear issue and the	Moreover, during the Paris peace
	UN peacekeeping issue.	Conference, she failed to retrieve her
		interests in Shandong from Germany and
		was oppressed by the powers.







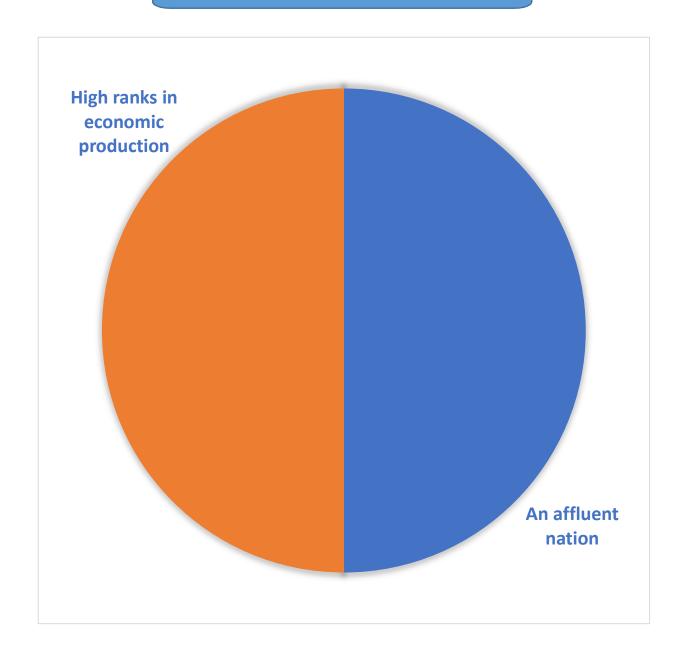
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	Japan (The early 20th century)	China (Late Qing period)
	There was intense use of machinery	the Late Qing Reform put much emphasis
	in Japanese factories. For instance,	on industrial and commercial reform
	nearly 3,700 factories out of 8,000	when more than 80% of the Chinese
Advanced	factories in Japan were using	population engaged in agricultural
mode of	machines.	activities. This led to the continuation of
production		the traditional smallholding pattern,
		under which agricultural productivity
		remained low without mechanization or
		the use of technology. The problem of
		agricultural backwardness remained
	(25) (27)	acute.
	Japan (After the WW2)	China (After the 1911 Revolution)
	Since the promulgation of the "Anti-	there was no stable regime established
0 d	Monopoly Law," and the "Enterprise	after the 1911 Revolution, and China was
A sound	Reorganization Act," the industrial	caught up in prolonged wars with the
economic environment	and commercial environment in Japan has gradually liberalized, and	chaotic Warlord Era coming first and the Chinese Civil War next. In addition to the
environment	medium and small-sized enterprises	heavy taxation imposed by warlords, the
	have also made good progress in	economic environment was even worse
	development.	than that of the Late Qing period with the
	act cropment.	people leading tough lives.
	\	Japan (The early 20th century)
		Japan's economy was largely controlled
		by a small group of zaibatsu. For example,
A balanced		the five biggest banks owned by the
economic		zaibatsu, including Mitsui, Mitsubishi,
development		Sumitomo, Yasuda and Daiichi, held
- Wealth		34.5% of Japan's deposits in 1929. Small
		and medium-sized enterprises were
		difficult to develop and survive, and the
		economy had an unbalanced
		development.



A balanced economic development - Industries (Diversified industries)

Enough food

and

necessities

Hong Kong (The late 20th century)

At the end of the 20th century, Hong Kong has developed into an international city with diverse industries. Its financial, entrepot trade, industry and tourism industries flourished. There is single industry concentration.

China (The first half of the 20th century)

Although there was rapid development of industry by the political power, over 80% of the population was still participating in farming activities. There was an over concentration over farming activities.

Japan (After the WW2)

In only two decades, Japan's economy not only returned to prewar levels, but also created "economic miracles." For example, Japan's per capita income 39,400 yen in 1965, ranking first in Asia. By the 1970s, with its further economic boost, Japan's GNP surpassed that of West Germany after the United States, reflecting there was rapid economic growth and social prosperity in Japan.

Japan (The early 20th century)

the livelihood of people at grass-roots level remained poor. As early as 1918, the Rice Riots erupted in Japan with unparalleled scale in recent centuries. The less privileged people looted rice and food out of hunger. In the 1920s, Japan even experienced a series of disasters, including the Kanto Great Earthquake(1923) and the Bank Crisis(1927). After the Great Depression of 1929, the number of the unemployed hit 3 million. The low-income group lived in terrible conditions and might not be able to afford even a meal.



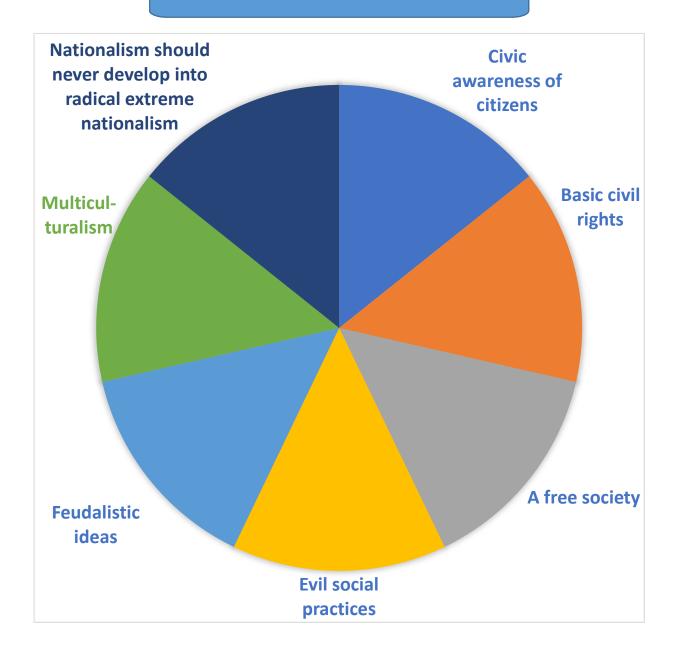
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	The economy of Japan revived and	The Chinese were suffering in poverty in
	grew immediately after the Two World	the early 20th century. Several droughts
	Wars. In 1968, the Gross National	(in the north) and flooding (in the Yangtze
	Product (GNP) of Japan successfully	River valley) led to famine, and people did
An	surpassed that of West Germany and	not even have enough food. Moreover,
affluent	was the second largest economy in the	the claims that China owes the powers in
nation	globe. After that in 1987, The national	the unequal treaties have yet to be
	per capita income of Japan surpassed	repaid. For example, there was a debt of
	the US, an economically big power. In	425 million yuan from the Xin Hai Treaty.
	the same year, the official foreign	It is impossible to say China was a rich
	exchange reserves of Japan surpassed	country.
	West Germany and ranked the first.	
	These implied the affluence of the Japan economy.	
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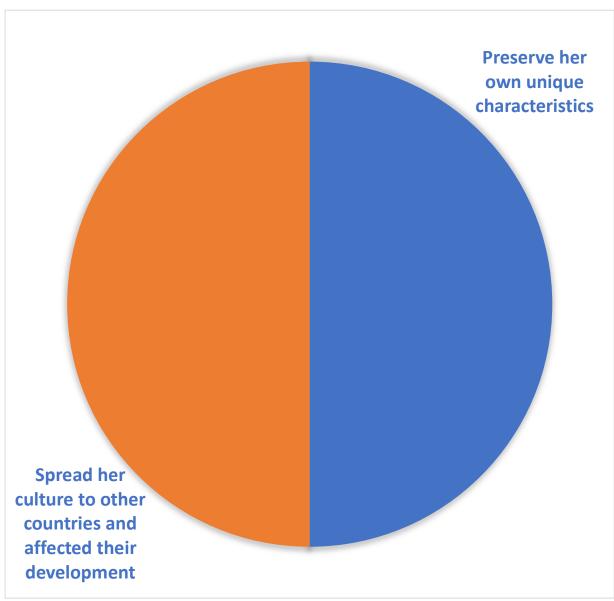
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	China (Period of May Fourth	\
	Movement)	
	The May Fourth Movement helped	
	motivate people to react more	
	proactively to social issues. The	
Civic	widespread protest of 1919 set a	
awareness	good example of citizens' movement	
of citizens	and encouraged people to participate	
	voluntarily in various movements	
	including those demanding a ban on	
	prostitution and protesting against	
	exploitation by foreign factories. This	
	helped promote the civic awareness	
	of Chinese citizens.	
	Japan (The second half of the 20th	China (Late Qing period)
Basic civil	century)	There were no policies to protect the basic
rights	The Showa Constitution in 1974	rights of the citizens. It was common to see
	provided the citizens more basic	private trial and torture.
	human rights, such as sexual equality	Japan (1920s)
	and equality before law. This	It is true that the Meiji Constitution gave the
	provided more equality and liberty in	Japanese freedom of speech, assembly and
	the society and made it an open	freedom and Japan was modernized
	society.	superficially. But it could be enjoyed only
		when it is 'not prejudicial to peace and
		order' and the government often took
A free		advantage of the vague word 'peace' to
society		restrict people's freedom and power. In
		1925, the government even promulgated the
		Peace Preservation Law, which was at first
		against the communist only but later turned
		into a tool to mute dissenting voices.
		People's freedom was further restricted.



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	In terms of social evils, it succeeded	the Late Qing Reform fell short of what
	in getting rid of many evil social	was needed and the problems of opium-
	practices, including foot-binding	smoking and slavery were solved only
Evil social	and the trading of domestic	until the Nanjing decade. Social evils were
practices	servants. In addition, kowtowing	still prevalent.
	was replaced by nodding while the	
	address 'Mister' was used as a	
	substitute for 'Da Ren' and 'Lao Ye'.	
	These made society more civilized	
	and humane.	
	\	China (The 20th century)
		In terms of feudalistic ideas, old-
		fashioned concepts such as gender
Feudalistic		inequality and superstition persisted and
ideas		prevailed, making it difficult for Chinese
		society to achieve modernization that is
		characterized by civilization and
		enlightenment.
	Japan (The second half of the 20th	\
	century)	
	While the traditional Japanese	
	culture was remained, other	
Multicul-	cultures could spread and develop	
turalism	in Japan. For example, sushi is a	
	unique food culture in Japan. At the	
	same time, Western fast food and	
	food from Southeast Asia could	
	been seen in Japan which reflected	
	the existence of multiculturalism.	



	\	Japan (1920S)
		the traditional Bushido spirit and
		thoughts of loyalty to the Emperor and
Nationalism		patriotism evolved into extreme
should		nationalist ideas in the beginning of the
never		20 th century. Its upholders supported
develop		radical methods to safeguard national
into radical		interest and eliminate the corrupt
extreme		politicians in Japan. For example, Prime
nationalism		Minister Osachi Hamaguchi was assaulted
		by members of the Aikokusha
		(established in 1928) in 1930. The ideas
		became the underlying cause of the rise
		of militarism afterwards.

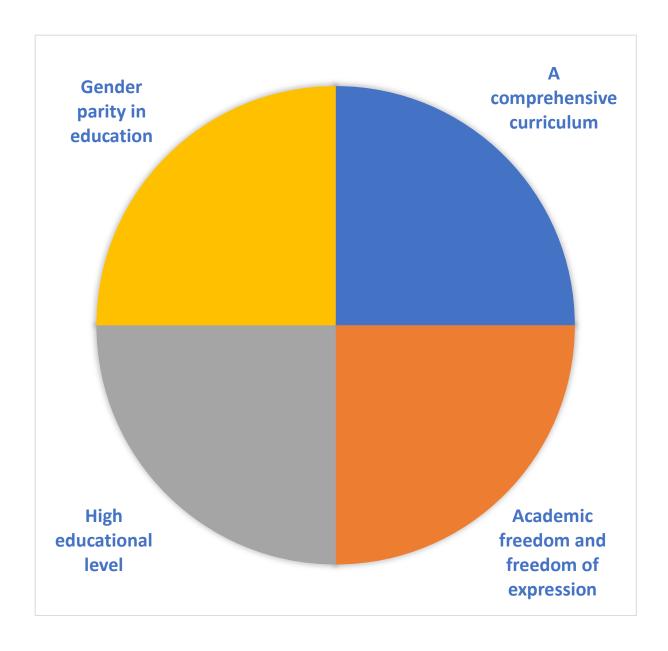


Cultural Power

	Example 🗸	Example X
Preserve her	Japan (The second half of the 20th	\
own unique	century)	
characteristics	Japan was successful in preserving	
(To be	her own culture. For instance, Japan	
considered as	traditional custom 'Kimono' could be	
a superpower,	preserved even it failed to match the	
it must be	characteristics of a modern industrial	
matched with	society. People still wear it in	
next point)	traditional festivals.	
	Japan (The second half of the 20th	\
	century)	
	some unique culture of Japan was	
	exported to other countries and this	
	greatly affected their cultural	
	development. For instance, the food	
Spread her	culture of sushi and ramen was found	
culture to	in the nearby Asian countries. People	
other	could have a taste on them in the	
countries and	major cities in the world as well.	
affected their	Furthermore, the animation and	
development	entertainment culture influenced the	
	entire world as well. For example,	
	animations like Doraemon and	
	Captain Tsubasa were very popular in	
	the globe. These examples could	
	reflect the strong cultural influence	
	of Japan. She contributed a lot in	
	shaping the cultural development of	
	the world.	



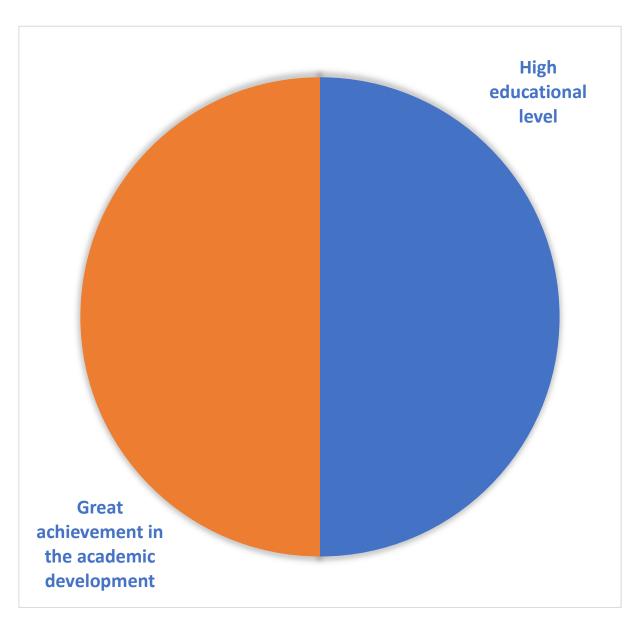
Education Modernization



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Education Modernization

	Example 🗸	Example X
	China (Nanjing decade)	China (Late Qing period)
	In terms of curriculum, it was true	There was a need for the late Qing
Α	that the Nanjing government	government to abolish eight-legged
comprehensive	issued regulations for primary and	essay and the imperial examination and
curriculum	secondary education and overseas	to reform the education system.
	study successively since 1933 to	However, the new education system was
	make the education system of	still focus on the traditional Confucius
	China more sophisticated.	ideas and remained low practically.
	Japan (The second half of the 20th	Japan (The first half of the 20th century)
	century)	Japan's education put emphasis on
	Since the Showa Constitution and	loyalty and patriotism. As early as 1890,
	School Education Act in 1947, there	the government issued the Imperial
	was academic freedom in Japan. It	Rescript on Education, which stated that
	is also emphasised that education	education is not a self-improvement
	should facilitate the students' all-	process but the service provided by the
Academic	round development. This made the	individuals to the state. According to it,
freedom and	Japanese education could freely	education should emphasize Bushido
freedom of	develop in the late 20 th century.	spirit that promotes loyalty and
expression		patriotism and deny individualism and
		liberty from the West. In 1903, the
		government even introduced the
		National Textbook System to place more
		restrictions on textbooks. Education was
		tightly controlled by the Japanese
		government. Students were not allowed
		to think critically from multiple
		perspectives, which went against the
		principles of modern education.



Japan (The second half of the 20th century)

There was universal education in Japan since the start of the 20th century. The enrolment rate for children was nearly 99%. The School Education Act further expanded the compulsory education from 6 years to 9 years which means it is expanded to secondary school. Moreover, there was rapid development in terms of tertiary education. There were many universities established so every 7 Japanese there were 1 university graduates. It was the first in the Asia and even better than many European countries.

China (Late Qing period)

In terms of educational level, most of the population did not get the chance to receive education at that time, especially for those in rural areas. Its literacy rate of mere 10% showed the low educational level there.

High educational level

Gender parity

in education

Japan (The 20th century)

Since the Meiji Restoration in the 19th century, all school-age children need to receive compulsory education. There is no sexual discrimination in education.

China(Nanjing decade)

In terms of access to education, gender inequality with preference to men was very common. In the early 1930s, the male enrolment rate was 45.2% while that of women was only 2.2%. It was clear that there was wide disparity in their enrolment in schools.







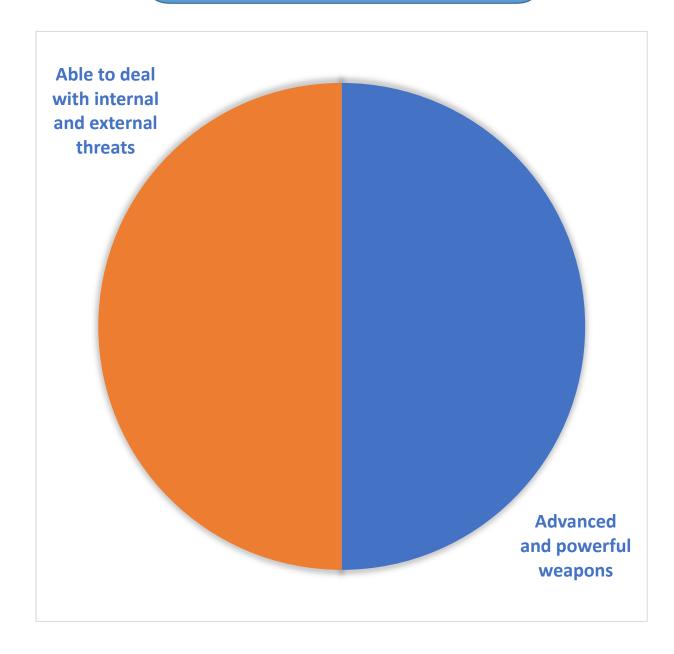
Educational Power

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	Japan (The second half of the 20th century)	China (The first half of the 20th century)
	Japan implemented the 9-year universal	In terms of basic education, most of the
	education since the establishment of	rural population did not have the chance
	Education Basic Law in 1947. Also, the	to receive education. There was a serious
	Japanese government continuously invested	problem of illiteracy and the literacy rate
	huge sum of expenditure on education. As a	in the late Qing period was only 10%.
	result, the high school enrolment rate	Furthermore, due to the lack of capital,
High	reached to 97% in 1999; university	the Compulsory Education Law was not
educational	enrolment rate in 2000 amounted to 49.1%	fully implemented. The literacy rate was
level	and was leading the world.	only 30% in the 1930s with a low
		education level. Moreover, in terms of
		higher education, there was a limited
		number of universities which can show
		the slow development in the first half of
		the 20 th Century. There were very few
		university graduates every year, like in
		1928 there was only 3252 graduates. The
		ratio was small when China was a country
		with nearly a billion population.
	Japan (The second half of the 20th century)	China (The first half of the 20th century)
	the academic standard of Japan was	At that time, there was even no basic
	developing in an affluent way. Universities	education, let alone academic
	such as the University of Tokyo and Kyoto	development.
Great	University were world-renowned. Moreover,	
achievement	Japan produced a lot of academic	
in the	dissertations and she ranked second in the	
academic	market both before and after 2000.	
development	Furthermore, there were 9 Japanese scholars	
	winning the Nobel Prize within 1950-2000.	
	She was the country with most prizes apart	
	from the Western countries. This reflected	
	her academic standard was the best in Asia	
	and could compete with that of the West.	





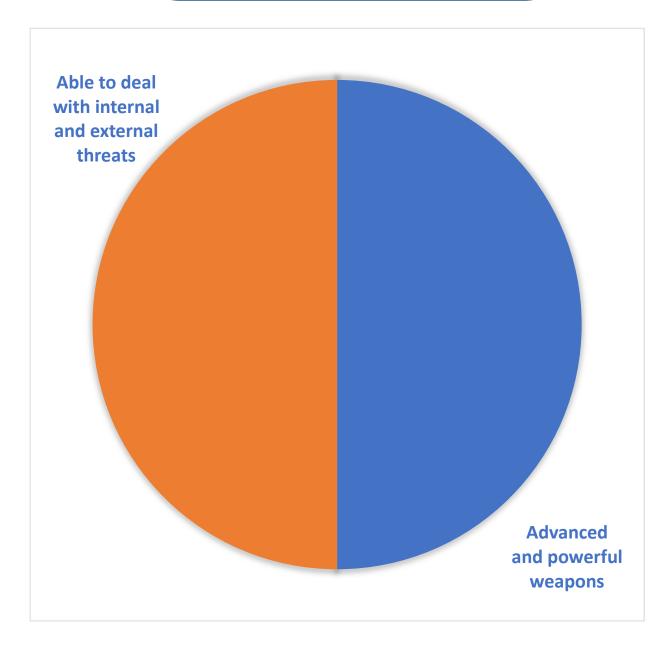
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	Example 🗸	Example X
	Japan (The early 20th century)	China (The first half of the 20th century)
	For Navy, since the late 19th century,	The weapons of China were all imported
	Japan had started research and	and there was a lack of fighter aircraft and
	development of advanced warships.	battleship. Its weapons were left behind
	With the large sum of money	than other countries.
	invested, the development of naval	
	technology was rapid. In 1922, Japan	
	even finished the building of the	
	world's first standard aircraft carrier	
	named Hosho. Its naval strength was	
	on a par with that of the Western	
Advanced	powers. In the Washington	
and	Conference of 1921-22, Japan was	
powerful	allowed to possess a number of	
weapons	warships that was only lower than	
	that of Britain and the US, being the	
	third largest naval power in the	
	world. For army, Japan introduced	
	conscription before the 20th century.	
	After setting up military academies,	
	learning German military training	
	methods and buying weapons from	
	Germany, there were 13 infantry	
	divisions equipped with modern	
	weapons in Japan in 1906. The	
	strength of Japanese army was too	
	great to ignore.	



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Able to

deal with

internal

threats

Japan (World War II)

Japan got great military power that enabled her to maintain peace not only internally but also externally. It was also sufficient as foreign invasion. At the best time, more than half of the Asia was invaded by Japan.

Able to deal with external threats

China (the first half of the 20th century)

As for internal disputes, the New Army built up during the Late Qing Reform became the private troops of Yuan Shikai as a useful weapon to force the Qing Emperor to abdicate. Also, the military strength during the Nanjing decade fell short of what was needed to defeat the Communist Party completely and this left a chance for the communists to launch a counterattack later.

China (The first half of the 20th century)

As for external threats, China was too weak to resist foreign aggression. For example, Japan made repeated intrusions into China's territory in the early 1930s with the September 18th Incident (1931) and January 28th Incident (1932), and it even started its full-scale invasion of China in 1937. The Nationalist and Communist forces kept on retreating in defeat. Although Japan ended up surrendering in 1945, the US got credit for that because Japan was defeated thanks to America's fatal blow delivered during the Pacific War, and the result was mainly not the work of the Chinese army.



Military Power

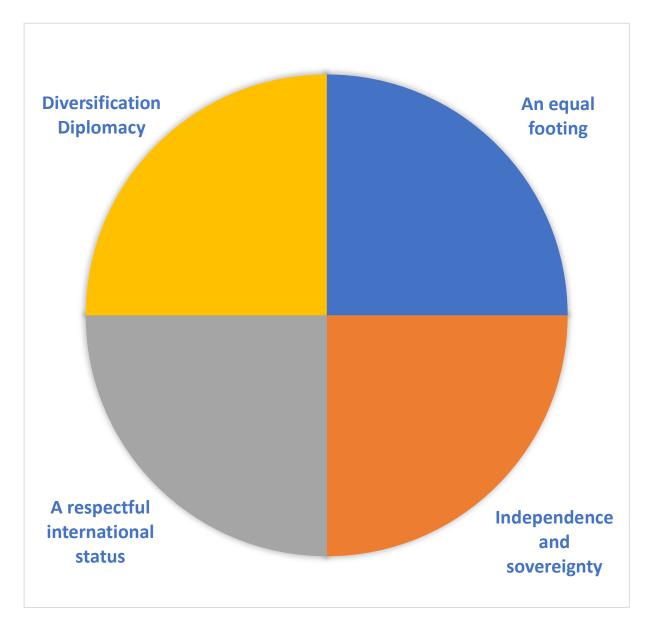
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p	powerful weapons despite the fact	and there was a lack of fighter aircraft and
t	hat her self-defense force just	battleship. Its weapons were left behind
a	amounted to 200,000 people. For	than other countries.
Advanced in	nstance, the air force owned 140 F-	
and 1	L5J Eagle (Early 1990s) and she	
powerful ra	anked first in Asia. Also, in terms of	
weapons n	navy, Japan owned 60 destroyers and	
f	rigates. Apart from that, the age of	
v	vessels in service was just less than	
2	20 years. The overall navy power was	
jı	ust behind that of the US after Soviet	
	dissolution in the early 1990s.	
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	Example	Example
	Japan (The early 20th century)	China (After the 1911 Revolution)
	Japan had an equal international status	In terms of diplomacy on an equal footing,
	with the Western powers in the 20th	foreign countries were reluctant to abolish
	century. For example, the formation of	the unequal treaties signed before despite
	the Anglo-Japanese Alliance (1902)	the fact that the 1911 Revolution was a
	made Japan be the first Asian country	successful attempt to overthrow the Qing
An	forming alliance with Western powers	regime and establish the Republic of China.
equal	on an equal basis. Besides, Japan was	The revolutionaries and Yuan Shikai dared
footing	one of the victorious powers in the First	not to put up determined resistance to that
	World War and representatives were	since they were seeking recognition from
	sent to attend the Paris Peace	the powers of the newly established
	Conference (1919) and being one of	republic. As a result, China's internal affairs
	the permanent members of the League	were kept restrained by unequal treaties
	of Nations. It was also enjoying high	such as the Treaty of Shimonoseki (1895).
	international status.	
	Japan (The late 20th century)	China (After the 1911 Revolution)
	At the end of the 20th century, Japan	In terms of sovereignty, with these unequal
	was free from the influence of the	treaties not being terminated, a
	United States. There was	considerable part of China's sovereign
	independence in terms of its	rights, including tariff and salt tax
Independence	diplomacy, such as its active	autonomy, was still under foreign control,
and	participation in the peacekeeping with	and the goal of being an independent
sovereignty	the United Nations and played the role	
	of mediator in North Korea's nuclear	Worse still, Yuan signed the Twenty One
	issue.	Demands with Japan in 1915. China
		became a de facto protectorate of Japan,
		further deprived of its sovereign rights and
		interests.



Japan (The second half of the 20th century)

There was an increasing importance in Japan's role in international affairs. For example, Japan had been repeatedly elected as a non-permanent member since 1958 and shouldered the responsibility of maintaining international with security the permanent members. Moreover, Japan had actively invested in aiding other countries and became the world's largest aid donor by 1991, with great influence and respect.

Japan (The early 20th century)

The European countries and the United States had several actions against the Japanese and Asians. For example, the United States enacted the "Immigration Act" in 1924 that prohibited Asians, including the Japanese, from immigrating to the United States and it was an obvious discrimination against Japanese politically.

international status

respectful

China (Deng Xiaoping period)

Deng Xiaoping paid efforts to improve the relationship between China and foreign countries through Reform and Opening Up to increase economic ties with foreign countries and strengthen cooperation. Moreover, Deng Xiaoping's diplomatic development was not limited to the development within the communist camp. He also cooperated with capitalist countries such as Japan and South Korea, and developed relationship with third world countries such as Africa to make China's diplomatic development multilateral moved towards development.

China (Mao Zedong period)

Mao Zedong practised one-sided foreign policy towards the communist camp, like supporting communist North Korea and North Vietnam in the Korean War (1950-53) the Vietnam and War (1961-75)respectively. This restricted China's diplomatic development. In addition, with the poor relationship between China and the Soviet Union in the late 1950s and the exclusion belief during the Cultural Revolution, China self-isolated herself and failed to establish normal relations with the international community.

Diversification Diplomacy