Unit Cover Sheet:

***CHINA & JAPAN, 1830s-1945***

**SETTING:** In the 1830s, China and Japan were isolated pre-industrial societies. China sold luxury goods (tea, silk, porcelain) to the West, but severely limited contact with Westerners. Japan was feudal society that had deliberately isolated itself from the outside world for hundreds of years, forbidding trade and contact with foreigners.

**OUTCOME:** In 1945 China had been through a century of imperialism and invasion, and remained a weak pre-industrial society, struggling with a bitter civil war. But Japan had become a modern industrial nation so powerful that it had attempted to create its own imperial empire in Asia, and had only been defeated by other industrial powers in the global conflict we now call World War II.

>*How did THAT happen?*

***UNIT QUESTIONS***

What Happened?

-Tell the story of China’s relationship with the West from the Opium Wars

through the Boxer Rebellion.

-Tell the story of Japan’s modernization and attempt to create a “Greater East

Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere,” from 1853 through 1945.

What Were They Thinking?

-What were the Chinese leaders who resisted opening to the West thinking?

-What were the Japanese leaders who decided to Westernize their society in the late 19th Century thinking?

-What were the key elements of Japanese militarist ideology?

Why Then and There?

-What explains why Japan responded to contact with the West so differently

from China?

What Do We Think About That?

-Should the West have accepted Japan’s twentieth century imperial policy?

***UNIT ASSESSMENT***

A test!

Unit Cover Sheet:

***UNIT TITLE & DATES***

**SETTING:** The setting of the unit goes here

**OUTCOME:** The outcome of the unit goes here

>*How did THAT happen?*

***UNIT QUESTIONS***

What Happened?

-At least one, and not too many!

What Were They Thinking?

-At least one, and not too many!

Why Then and There?

-At least one, and not too many!

What Do We Think About That?

-At least one, and not too many!

***UNIT ASSESSMENT***

Tell your students how they will be assessed at the end of the unit here.