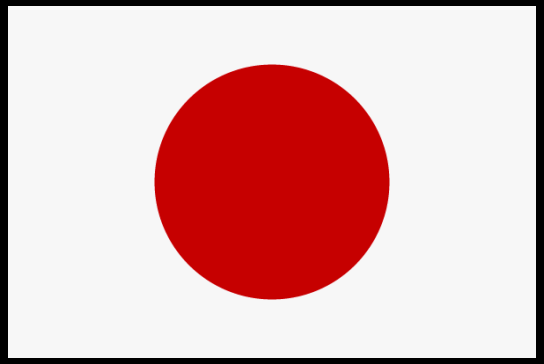
Chapter 4 Section 1: Becoming a World Power
Focus Question #7

- Explain why Japan refuses to open its ports to the U.S? How does the U.S convince Japan to change its mind?
- What does Japan realize after seeing the U.S Navy? What does Japan then do?
- Identify the reasons the U.S becomes interested in Hawaii. How is Hawaii acquired?
- Identify Pan-Americanism, and the goal of the organization.

Japan

- Americans believed that the U.S would benefit from trade with Japan.
- Japan believed that excessive contact with the West would destroy their culture.
- Closed its ports to the U.S and other western powers. (only China and the Dutch)



U.S Responds

- President Fillmore attempts to persuade Japan.
- Japan continues to refuse.
- U.S sends four American warships under Matthew Perry.
- Japan is forced to change its mind.

Japan Changes

- Japan is impressed with the American technology and firepower.
- They realize that they can not compete with western technology.
- After years of fighting among modern and traditional Japanese, Japan opens its port to the U.S.

Japan Changes

- Japan signs a trade treaty with the U.S.
- They adopt western technology and launched their own industrial revolution.
- By the end of the 1890's Japanese had built a powerful Navy and set out to conquer their own empire.

U.S and Hawaii

- U.S used Hawaii to re-supply ships going to Japan and China.
- They soon realized that the climate was ideal for growing sugarcane.
- Sugar plantations are established.
- The U.S then establishes a naval base at Pearl Harbor. (Protection)

Hawaii's Collapse

- 1887 King of Hawaii is pressured into accepting a constitution that limited his power and increased the planter's power.
- 1891 Queen Liliuokalani becomes queen.
- She then attempts to impose a new constitution that would have reasserted her authority as ruler, but fails.
- The planters along with U.S marines overthrow the queen and establish a temporary government.

Annexation of Hawaii

- After setting up a temporary government, officials request that the U.S annex Hawaii. (Enter the Union)
- President Cleveland strongly opposed imperialism, so he withdraws Hawaii's request.
- Cleveland tries to restore Liliuokalani as queen, but leaders of Hawaii refuse.
- Hawaii's leaders decide to wait until a new president who favors imperialism takes office.
- Five years later Hawaii is annexed into the union.

Pan-Americanism

- The idea that the U.S and Latin American countries should work together. (politically and economically)
- U.S bought raw materials from Latin America, but Latin American countries bought most of their manufactured goods from Europe.
- Goal: Increase the sale of American products in Latin America, and have Europeans recognize the U.S as a dominant power.
- Pan-American Union is created.