

THE MEIJI RESTORATION

CAUSES OF THE MEIJI RESTORATION



Emperor Meiji

DOCUMENT 1: ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE MEIJI RESTORATION

1. What financial problems did the Meiji leaders face in 1871?
2. How did the reforms affect the samurai? How were they compensated?
3. What is the zaibatsu system? What were the causes of its origin?

DOCUMENT 2: POLITICAL EFFECTS OF THE MEIJI RESTORATION

1. How was the new government different from the feudal system of government? How did the roles of the daimyo and samurai change?(DETAILS)
2. What was the Diet? How did its role change over time?

DOCUMENT 3: THE CHANGING ATTITUDE TOWARDS FOREIGNERS

1. What role did Europeans play in modernizing Japan?
2. Discuss the changing attitudes of the Japanese towards the West evident in the slogans "Expel the Barbarians", and "Civilization and Enlightenment."
3. Who was Fukuzawa Yukichi? Why is he a significant individual in Japanese history?

DOCUMENT 4: MILITARY EFFECTS OF THE MEIJI RESTORATION

1. How did Japan's new military differ from the feudal military? How did the samurai initially react to these changes? **GIVE EXAMPLES.**
2. Why did Japan become an imperial power?
3. Why did Russia and Japan go to war? What is the significance of the Russo-Japanese War?

DOCUMENT 5: THE SOCIAL EFFECTS OF THE MEIJI RESTORATION

1. How did education foster economic growth for Japan?
2. What other reforms were made to 'open up' Japan out of isolation?
3. Why was the "Taisho democracy" a significant period in Japanese history? **BE SPECIFIC**

OVERALL EFFECTS OF THE MEIJI RESTORATION