

JAPANESE MILITARISM

1866-1941

JAPANESE HISTORY

- Creation Story
- Shinto
- Role of the Emperor -
Dynasty established in 600
BCE



MEIJI RESTORATION

- End Shogunate
- Bring the Emperor back to REAL power
- Westernization, Industrialization
- Only Asian country that escaped European imperial expansion
- Desire to compete with European powers



RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR: 1904 - 1905

- Imperial rivalries between Russia and Japan
- Manchuria and Korea
- First time in modern history an Asian power defeated a European power



WWI

- Japan secured sea lanes in the Pacific for the Allies
- Opportunity to extend their power in China
- Japan's representative at the Conference of Versailles in 1919



MUKDEN INCIDENT - INVASION INTO MANCHURIA

- Japan wanted to expand their control of Manchuria
- Japanese Railway in Manchuria near Mukden
- Japanese set off an explosion (didn't destroy anything - a train used the railroad minutes later)
- Blamed China for not protecting Japanese assets
- Pretext for an invasion into China



TERRITORIAL EXPANSION IN ASIA

"ASIA FOR ASIANS"

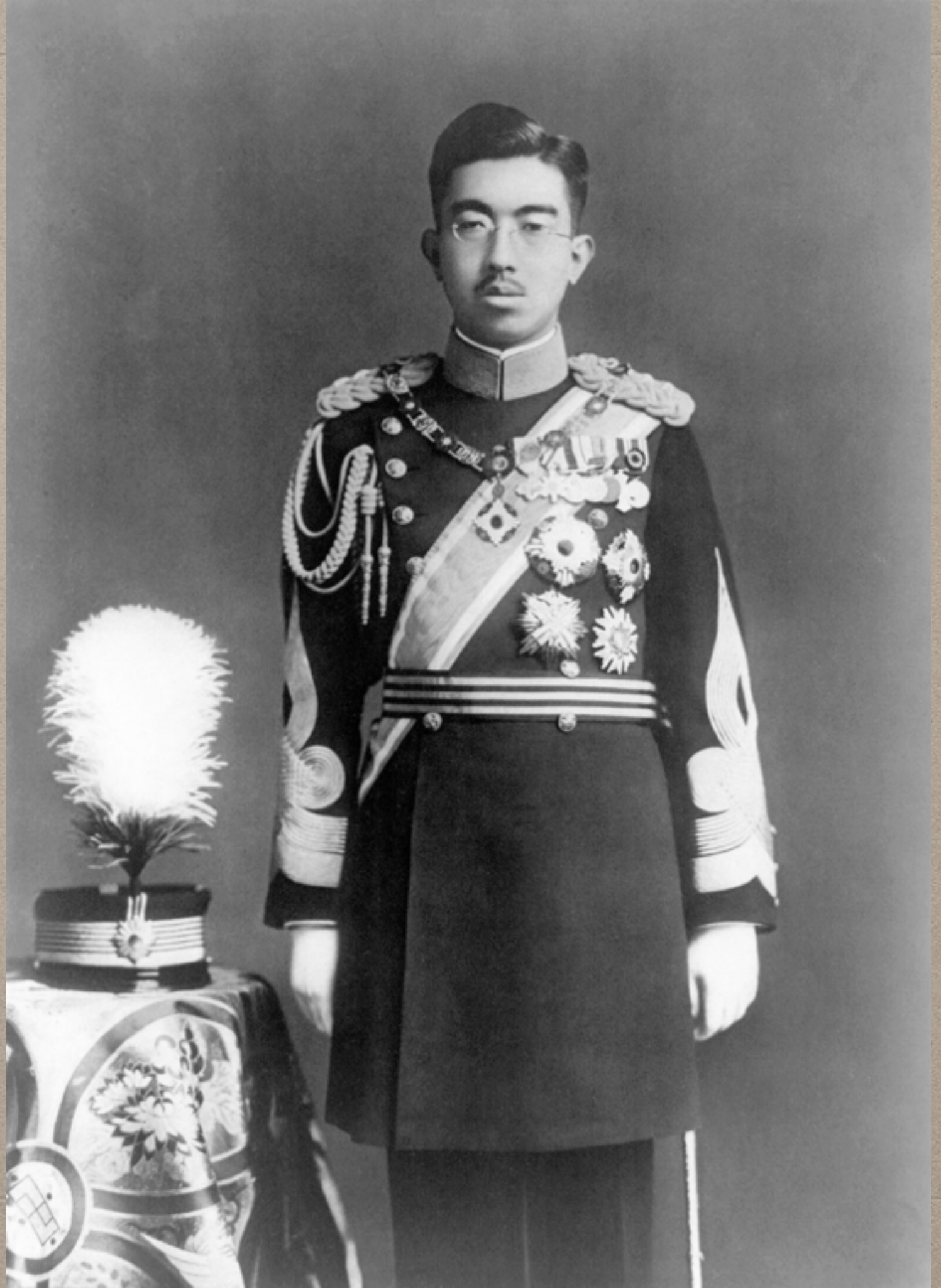


JAPANESE PUPPET STATE: MANCHUKUO

- Caption: "With the cooperation of Japan, China, and Manchukuo, the world can be in peace."



EMPEROR DURING WWII: HIROHITO



INVASION INTO CHINA - RAPE OF NANJING

- 6 week period beginning in December, 1937
- Mass murder, mass rape
- 250,000-300,000 killed (estimate)
- Japanese nationalists still claim it didn't happen, or has been exaggerated
- Japanese records were deliberately destroyed at the end of WWII



The headline reads, "'Incredible Record' (in the Contest to Cut Down 100 People) –Mukai 106 - 105 Noda–Both 2nd Lieutenants Go Into Extra Innings"

MINNIE VAUTRIN

- American missionary who lived in Nanjing
- The "Goddess of Nanjing"



JAPAN VS. THE UNITED STATES

- Economic Sanctions after Japanese invasion of China in 1937
- embargo on exports of scrap metal, oil, and aviation fuel to Japan
- U.S. froze Japanese bank accounts in America
- U.S. loaned money to China to help them fight the Japanese



Japanese Ambassador Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura and Special Envoy Saburo Kurusu after meeting with US President Roosevelt, White House, Washington, DC, United States, 27 Nov 1941

UNITED STATES' PERCEPTION OF JAPAN



EMBELLISHMENTS?
EXAGGERATIONS?
LIES?

MARCH TO MILITARISM

HIDECKI TOJO: JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER 1941 - 1945

