

## **Lesson Plan: Japan**

**Japan:** Japan's military expansion, does it make for a safer East Asia?

**Objective:** Students will gain an understanding for the concern of modern East Asia with the growth of the Japanese military demonstrated by their involvement in Iraq.

Sources

- i. The Making of Modern Japan: Marius B. Jansen
- ii. NCTA notes and illustrations
- iii. Video "The Rape of Nanking"
- iv. Maps of East Asia

Day One: Students will:

- Write a paragraph for each of Japan's identified neighbors describing their relationship with Japan; China, Korea and the USA
- View a powerpoint on the colonial expansion of Japan prior to WWII
- View parts of the CD on the name of the East Sea
- Select Korea, China or USA
- Do research and find two facts about colonialism as it relates to their selected country and Japan

Day Two: Students will:

- Work in groups to summarize their findings
- Each group will report to the class
- View portions of "The Rape of Nanking"
- View a powerpoint on the rebuilding of Japan after WWII

Day Three: Students will

- Work in their groups, one half of the group will develop a position paper supporting Japanese build up and world involvement, the other half will be oppose the build up and involvement. Each position must include: an economic rational, an historical rational and a military rational.
- Present their positions to the class