



DBQ - Maritime Conquest and Place Name Changes

Prompt: Discuss the occupation and colonization of Taiwan over the past centuries, specifically addressing why Taiwan was sought out by major empires and the impacts on Taiwan.

DOCUMENT 1

How Taiwan became Chinese. (n.d.). <http://www.gutenberg-e.org/andrade/index.html>.

"There is no better . . . way to do away with the Dutch and all our other enemies than to place the silver of Manila at China's trading gate, which is the Isla Hermosa."

–Bartolomé Martínez, a Dominican priest, to warn Chinese officials that the Dutch were attacking Chinese ships sailing to Manila.

Questions to consider:

2. From which empire's perspective is the quote?
3. What does the speaker mean by the phrase "China's trading gate"?

DOCUMENT 2

[*Taiwan Qian Hou Shan Quan Tu*]. The Library of Congress. (n.d.).

<https://www.loc.gov/item/gm71005066/>.

Map of Taiwan Island, 1875-1880



Questions to consider:

1. Who is the likely creator of this map? How can you tell?
2. What are some of the topographical features of Taiwan based on the map's renderings?

DOCUMENT 3

Manthorpe, J. (2009). *Forbidden nation: A history of Taiwan*. Palgrave Macmillan.

“A considerable number of junks kept arriving in Taiwan [from China]. As for those Chinese, they had been driven from China on account of the war, and had been increasingly in Tayoun and Formosa from time to time; until now, they form a colony of some twenty-five thousand fighting men, besides women and children. They occupied themselves in trade and agriculture, by which later means much rice and sugar was produced here, so that whole shiploads were annually sent to other places, from which the [Dutch East India] Company derived much profit from the customs duty.”

–Dutch East India Company records

Questions to consider:

1. What trade relationship is the author describing in this passage?
2. What natural resources did Taiwan possess and why were these products in great demand at this time?

DOCUMENT 4

Koxinga's war by Tonio Andrade. Berfrois. (2012, March 1). Retrieved November 15, 2021, from <https://www.berfrois.com/2012/03/koxingas-war-tonio-andrade/>.



The Surrender of Zeelandia, from *Verwaerloosde Formosa*, 1675
(Dutch forces surrender to Koxinga and his troops.)

Question to consider:

1. What did the Dutch surrender to Koxinga mean for the island of Taiwan?

DOCUMENT 5

Treaty of shimonoseki, 1895. US. (1901, December 13). <https://china.usc.edu/treaty-shimonoseki-1895>.

Article 2

China cedes to Japan in perpetuity and full sovereignty the following territories, together with all fortifications, arsenals, and public property thereon:

(b) The island of Formosa, together with all islands appertaining or belonging to the said island of Formosa.

-Treaty of Shimonoseki, 1895

Questions to consider:

1. What land did the Treaty of Shimonoseki provide to Japan?
2. How did the Treaty of Shimonoseki impact China's identity as the "Middle Kingdom"?

DOCUMENT 6

Barclay, P. D. (2018). *Outcasts of Empire: Japan's Rule on Taiwan's "Savage Border," 1874-1945* (1st ed.). University of California Press. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1525/j.ctt2204r2t>

TABLE 1. Military encounters between the colonial government and Taiwan aborigines, 1896–1909

Cases	Killed		Wounded		Total		Total casualties
	Jpn	Twñ	Jpn	Twñ	Killed	Wounded	
41					63	16	79
79					151	15	166
271	21	536	8	126	557	134	691
293	21	510	6	144	531	150	681
314	95	430	34	81	525	115	640
342	7	503	2	121	510	123	633
273	8	303	23	98	311	121	432
140	4	225	7	53	229	60	289
185	27	254	13	100	281	113	394
196	43	284	8	67	327	75	402
169	71	173	15	103	244	118	362
172	61	269	53	247	330	300	630
89	24	68	14	38	92	52	144
203	35	155	41	143	190	184	374
2,767	417	3,710	224	1,321	4,341	1,576	5,917

Data from Formosa Bureau of Aboriginal Affairs, *Report on the Control of the Aborigines in Formosa* (Taihoku: Government of Formosa, 1911), 4; Kusaburō, *Taiwan shokumin seisaku* (Tokyo: Fuzanbō, 1912), 393; *Taiwan jijō* (Taihoku: Taiwan Government-General, 1923), 93; *Riban gaikyō* (Taiwan Government-General Bureau of Police Affairs), 1935), 70–71.

-Military encounters between the colonial government and Taiwan aborigines, 1896-1909

Question to consider:

1. What was the impact of Japanese rule on the indigenous populations of Taiwan?