

Modern Japan



What We Will Learn Today:

1. What did the United States do to Japan after WWII?
2. How did Japan become an economic success?
3. What is a favorable balance of trade and interdependence?

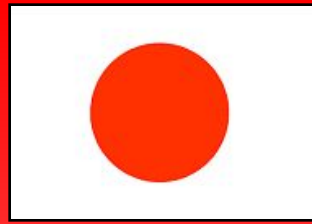


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Japan Review

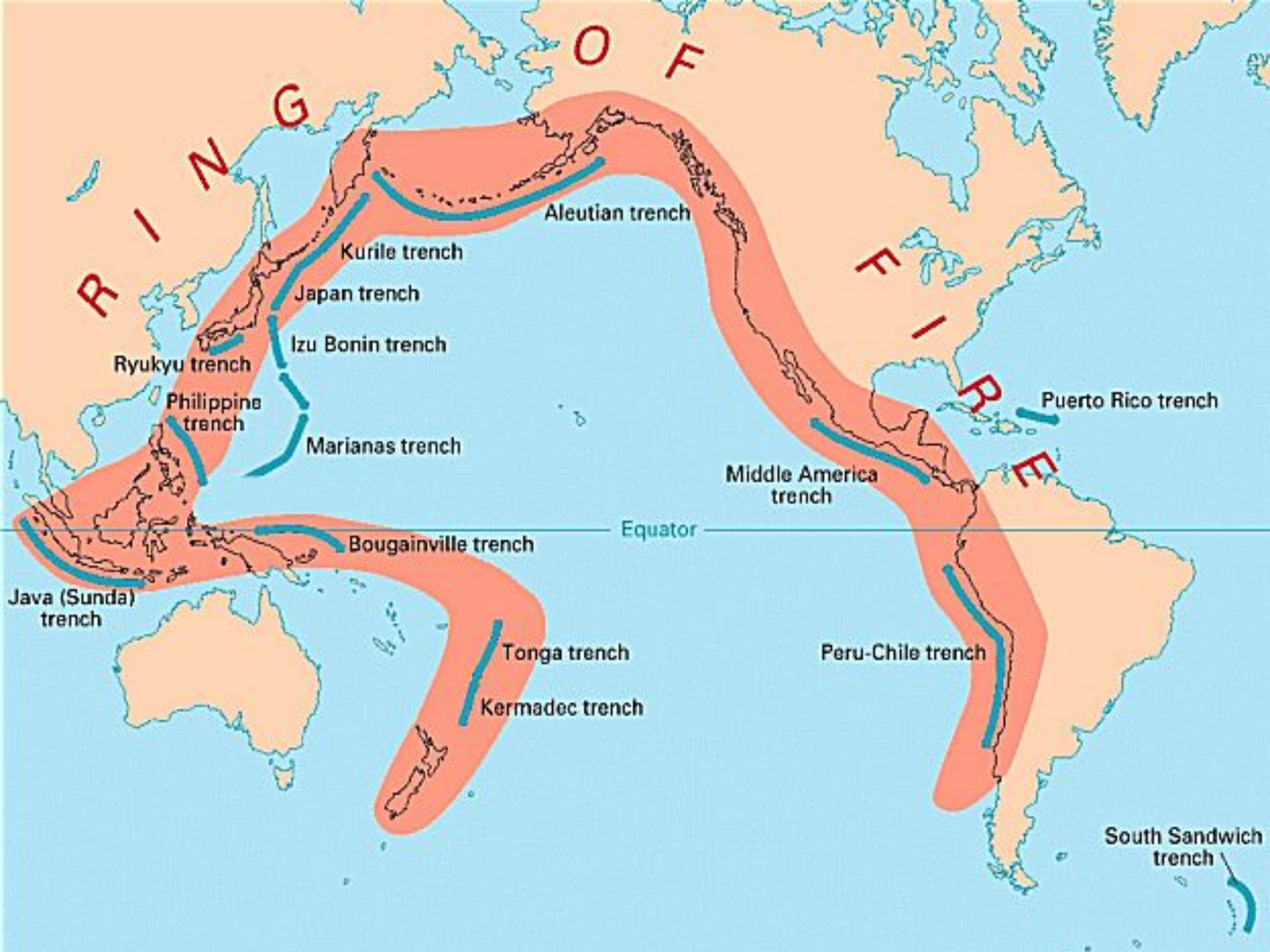


Japan Review



- Japan is an archipelago located on the “ring of fire”
- Shinto originated in Japan
- Japan was a feudal society



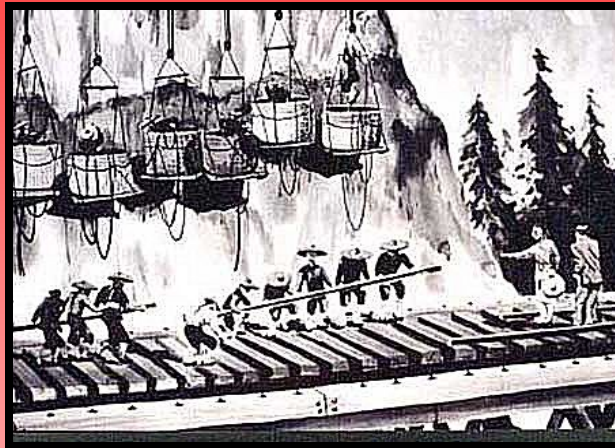




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- Commodore Perry opened Japan
- Meiji Restoration

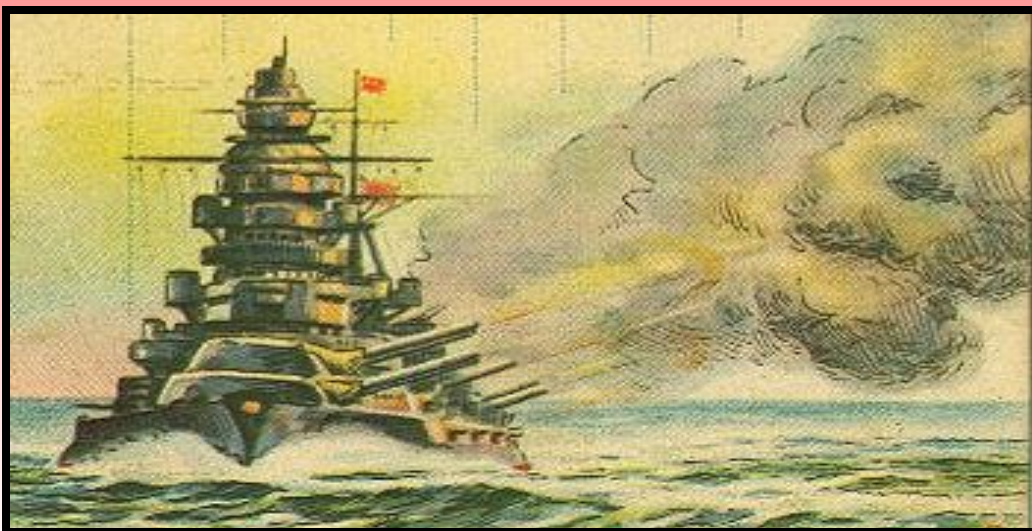




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- Imperialist victories: Russia & China

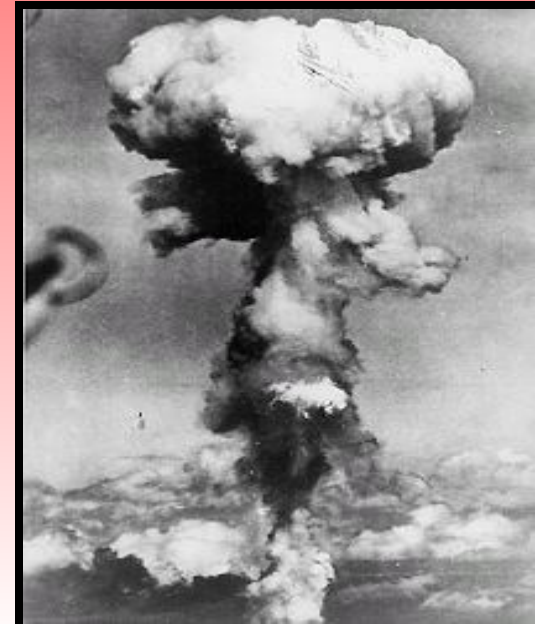
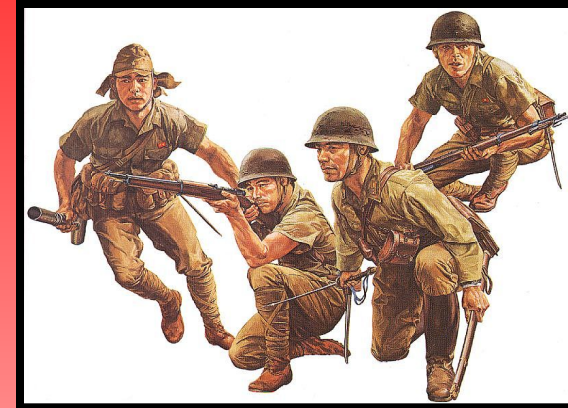




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- Pearl Harbor ☐ WWII ☐ atomic bombs





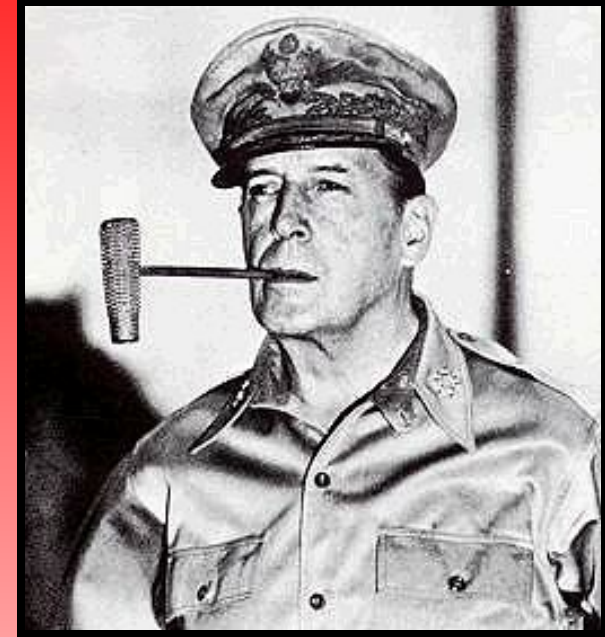
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After WWII Japan lost her overseas empire and was occupied by US forces. General MacArthur led the military government that ruled Japan and wrote a new constitution which brought the following great changes:



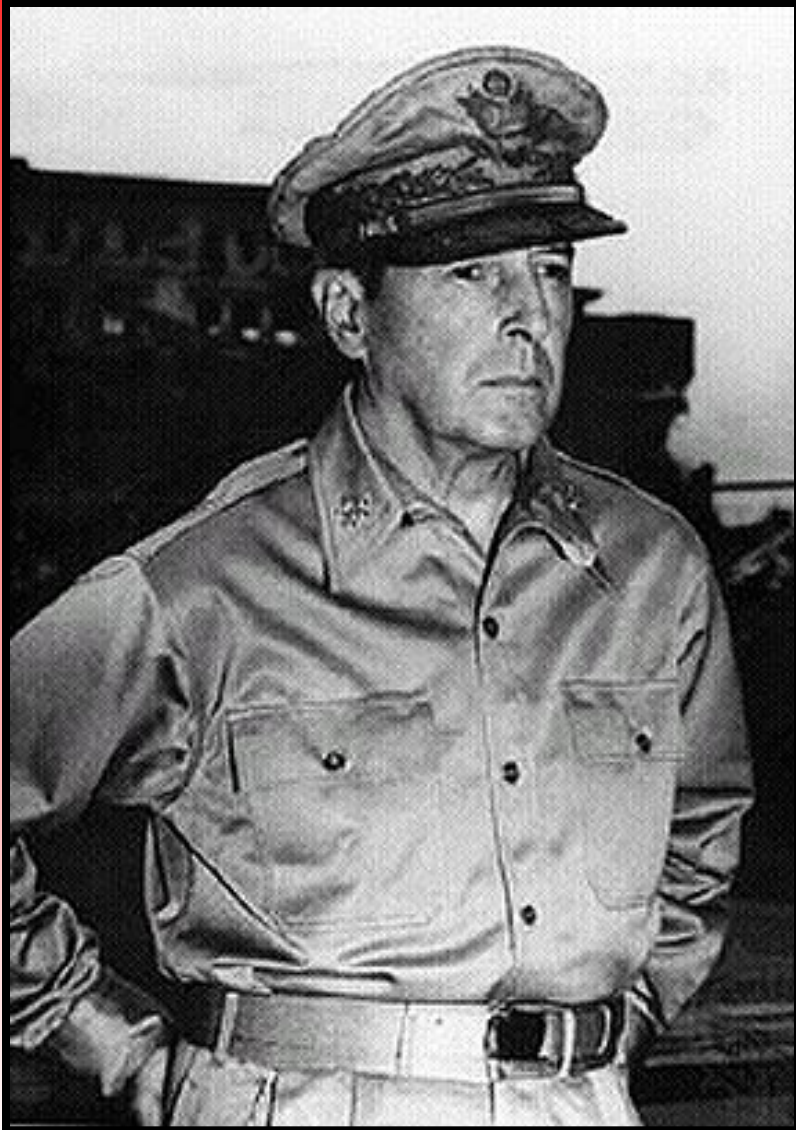
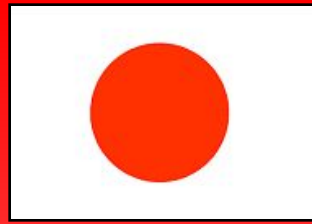
- A constitutional monarchy made the emperor merely a figurehead.

- A democratic government was established with an elected parliament.





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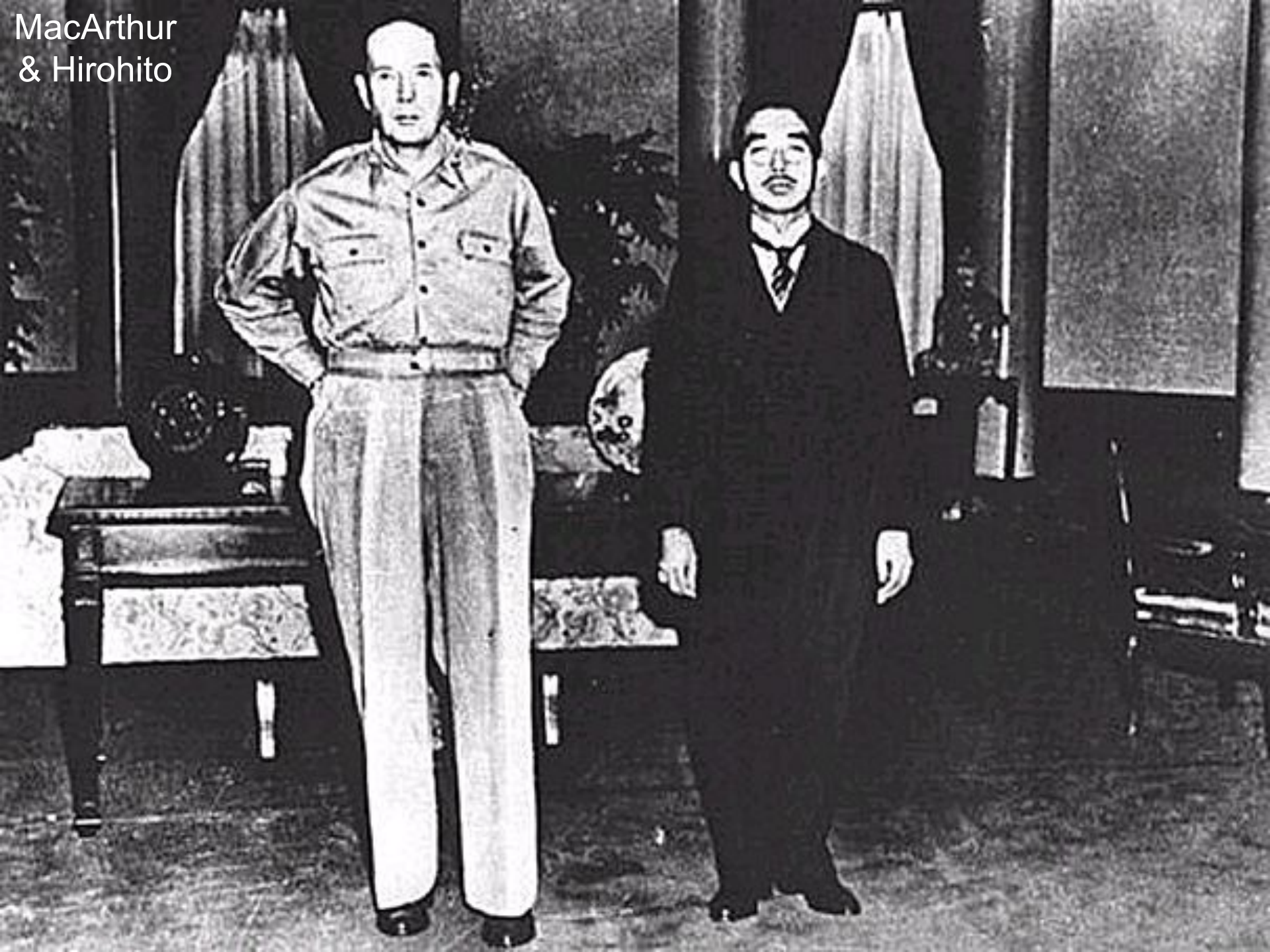


- Japan's military was greatly reduced so they could never use war as a political weapon again.



- Basic human rights were guaranteed such as freedom of the press and assembly, and women were given the right to vote.

MacArthur
& Hirohito





Economic Success



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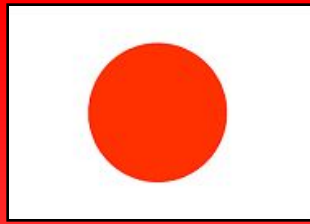
Along with a constitution and democracy, the US also brought the following economic reforms:

- Ziabatsu, or powerful family-run businesses that controlled the economy were weakened.
- Land reform divided large estates among tenant farmers.
- Japanese workers were given the right to form unions.

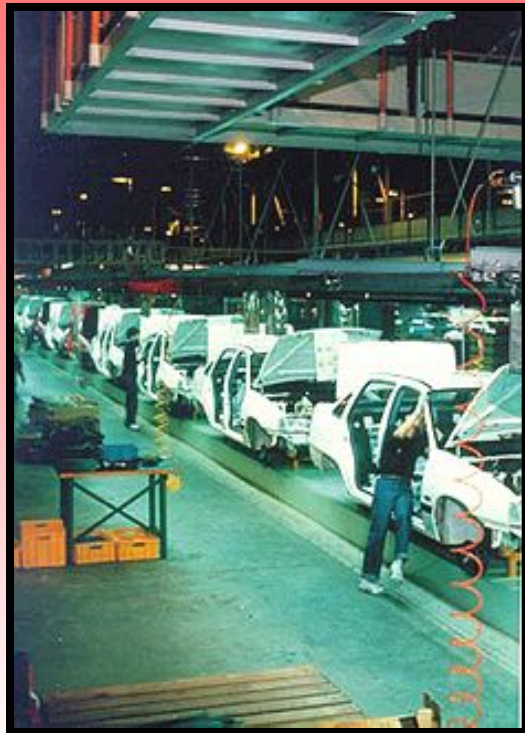




Economic Success



After WWII Japan's economy quickly recovered and the value of Japanese goods and services, or gross domestic product (GDP), rose dramatically. Japan has a favorable balance of trade which means it exports more goods (such as cars, cameras, TVs, and electronics) than it imports.



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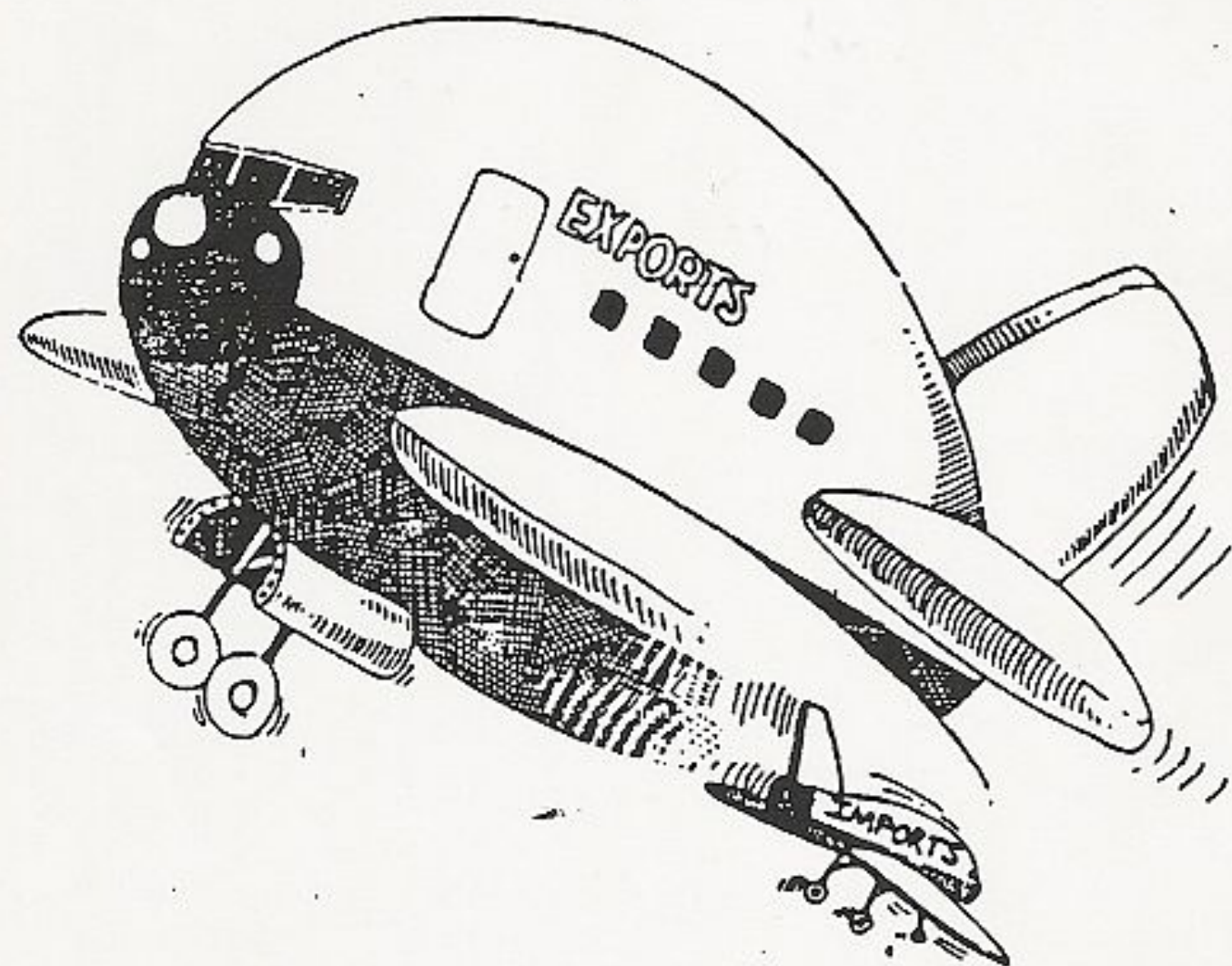




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Japan's great economic success after WWII is attributed to the following factors:

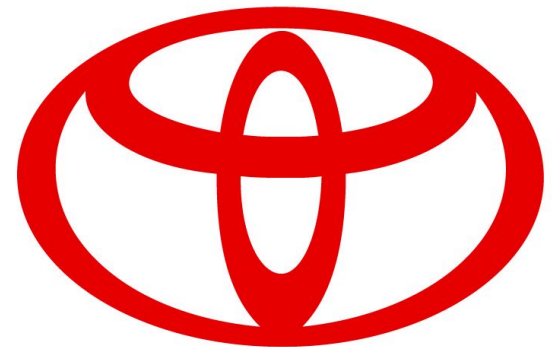
- Japan adapted the latest western technology to its industries.
- Japan has a well educated and highly skilled work force.



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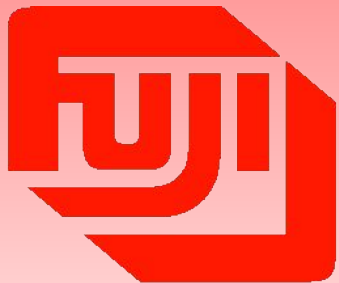


- Students and businessmen have a samurai work ethic.
- With low military spending, the government funds the economy.



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- High import tariffs and regulations limit foreign competition.
- Japanese savings gave banks capital to invest in industry.

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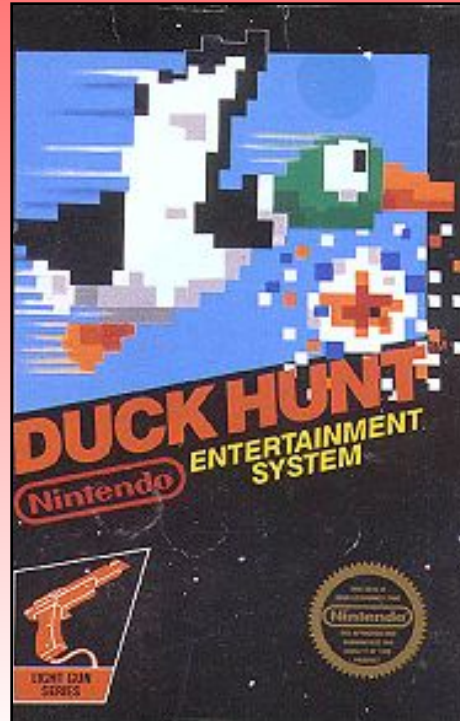
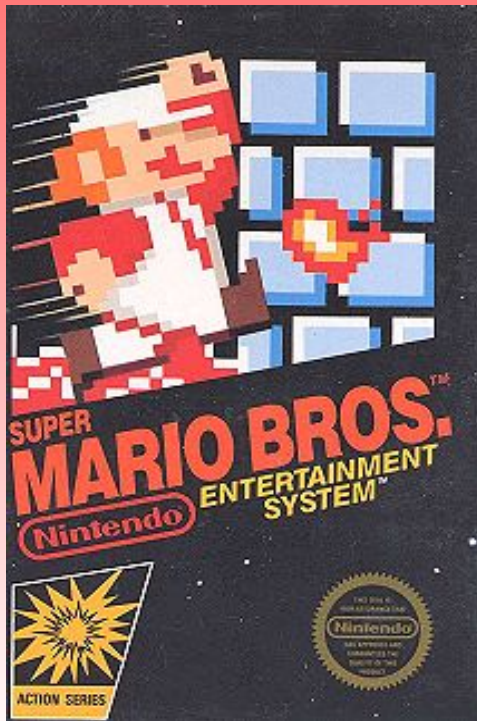
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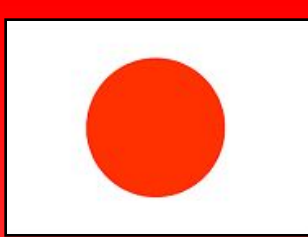
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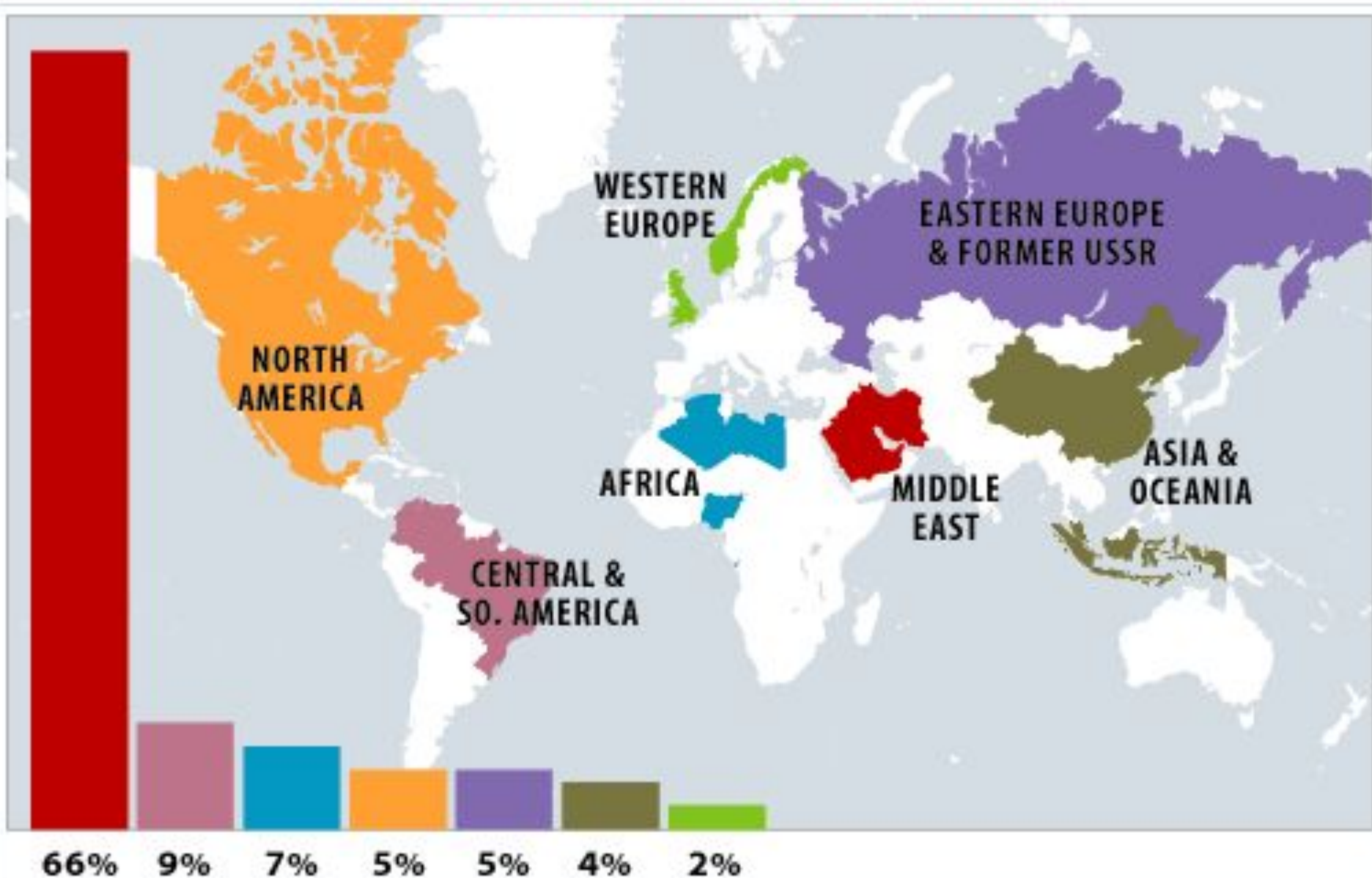
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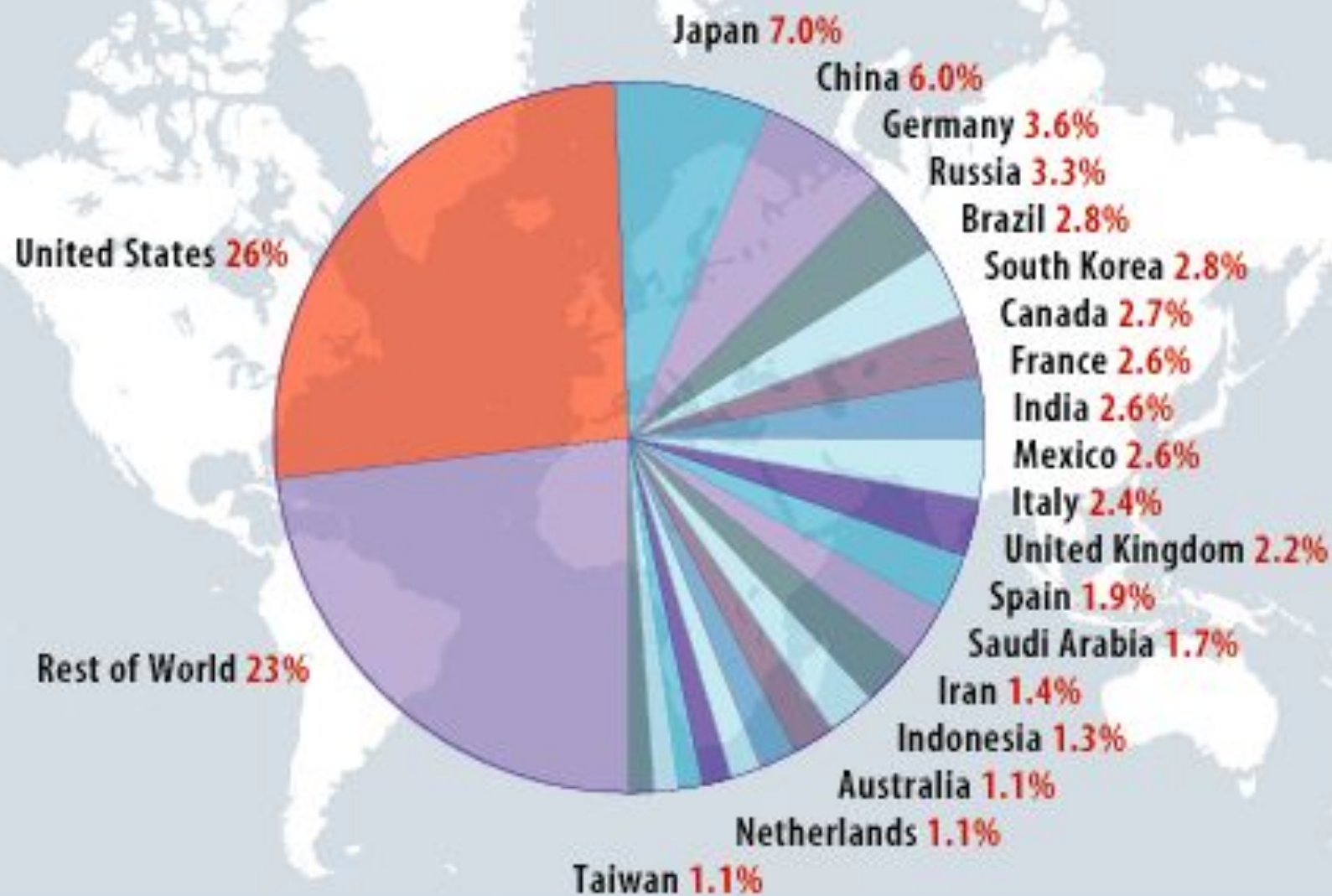
As a small archipelago nation Japan depends on trade because it lacks natural resources such as oil and iron. Interdependence – the reliance on goods, resources, and knowledge from other parts of the world.

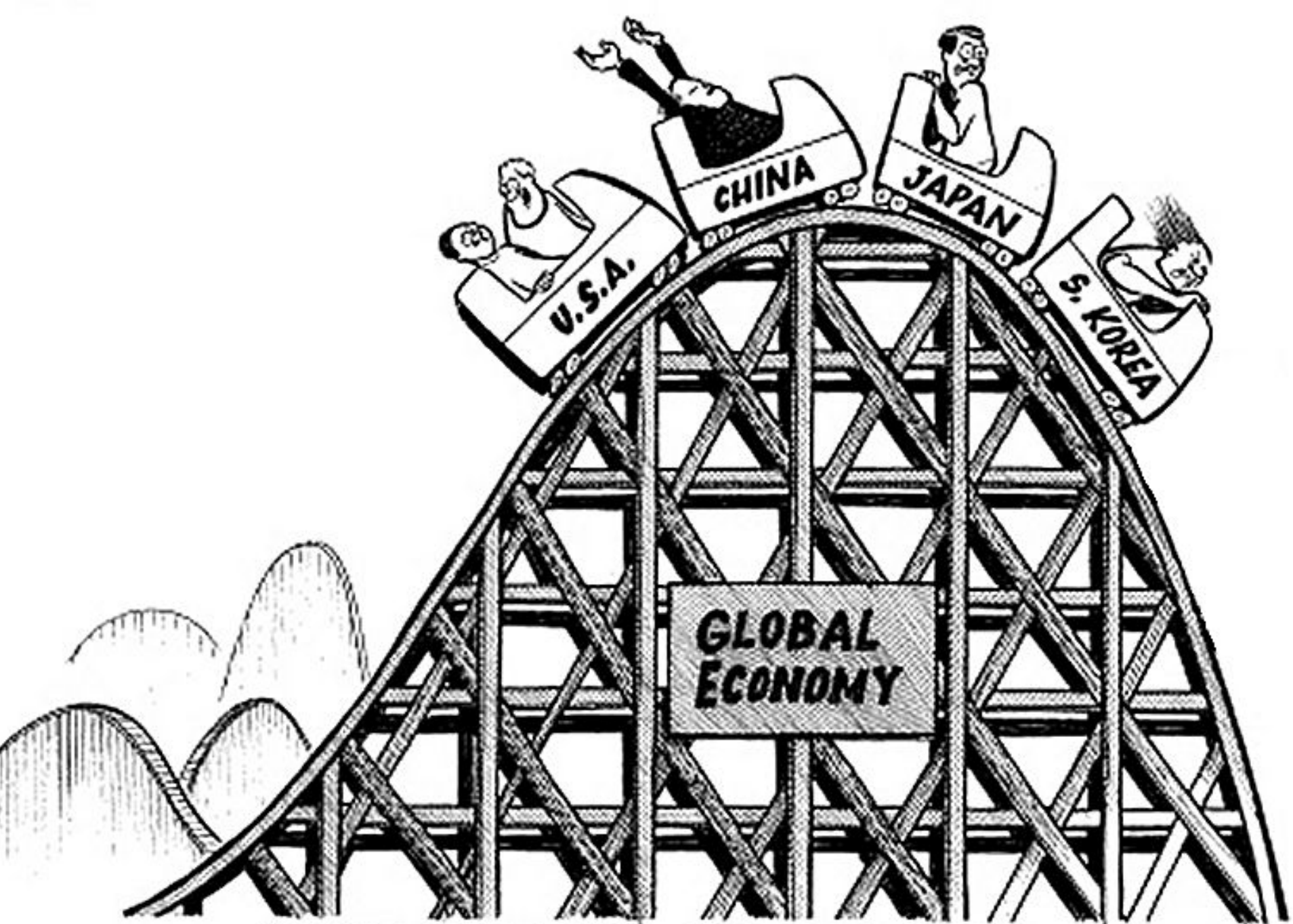


Where Are the World's Oil Reserves?



Who Consumes the Most Oil?





"DON'T WORRY, WE'RE STILL GOING UP..."