

JAPAN IN KOREA

- Late 1800's, western countries were taking colonies around the world for trade and resources.
- Japan wanted Korea as a security buffer against China, Russia and western countries.



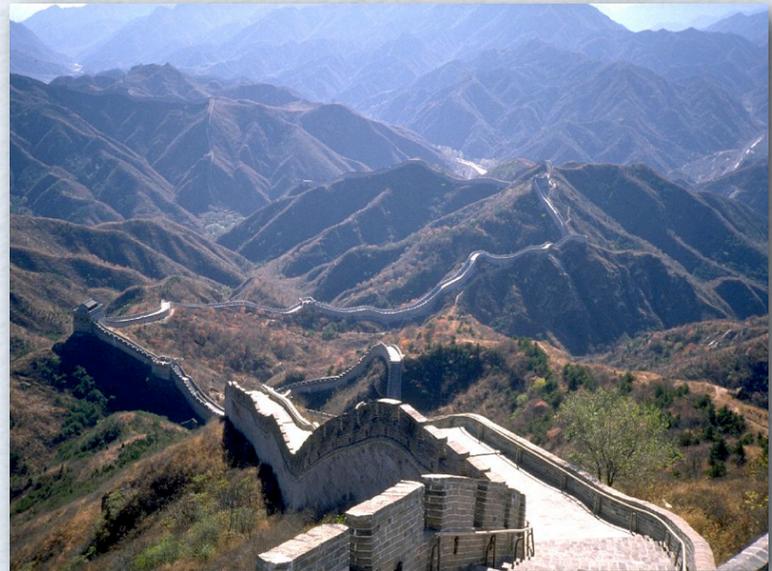
- 1876- Japan forcefully took three Korean ports to use in trade
- Japan began messing with Korea's affairs



- 1895 - Empress Myeongseong was about to ask China or Russia to help get Japan out of Korea.
- Japanese minister to Korea had Empress assassinated.



- Korean people began protesting Japan's involvement in their country
- Korean government asked China for help putting down the uprising.
- China sent troops
- Japan sent troops



- China & Japan fought a war in Korea
- Japan won and kicked China out of Korea forever



- 1896 - King of Korea fled to Russia and ruled from there for a year
- Korea became very pro-Russian
- Japan became very nervous
- Russia & Japan fought a war in 1904-05
- Japan won



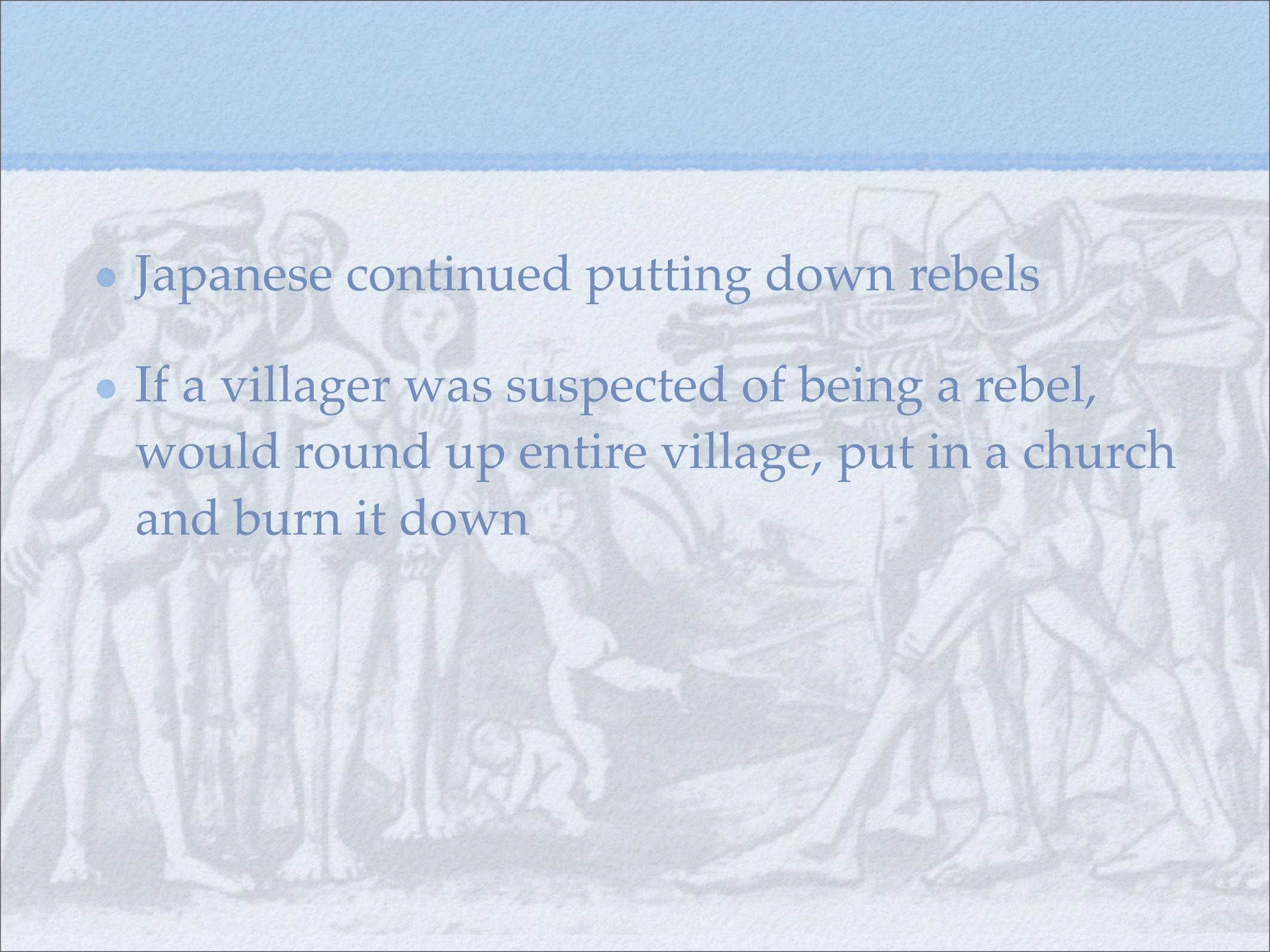
- Peace treaty recognized Japan's "political, military and economic interest" in Korea
- US signed a secret treaty with Japan
- US would ignore Japan in Korea if Japan would stay out of the Philippines. (the US wanted it)
- 1910 - Japan annexed Korea



- Korean Emperor sent 3 delegates to the worlds Second Peace Conference to ask for international help.
- Delegates were refused entrance
- One delegate committed suicide at the conference
- Emperor finally gave Korea to Japan

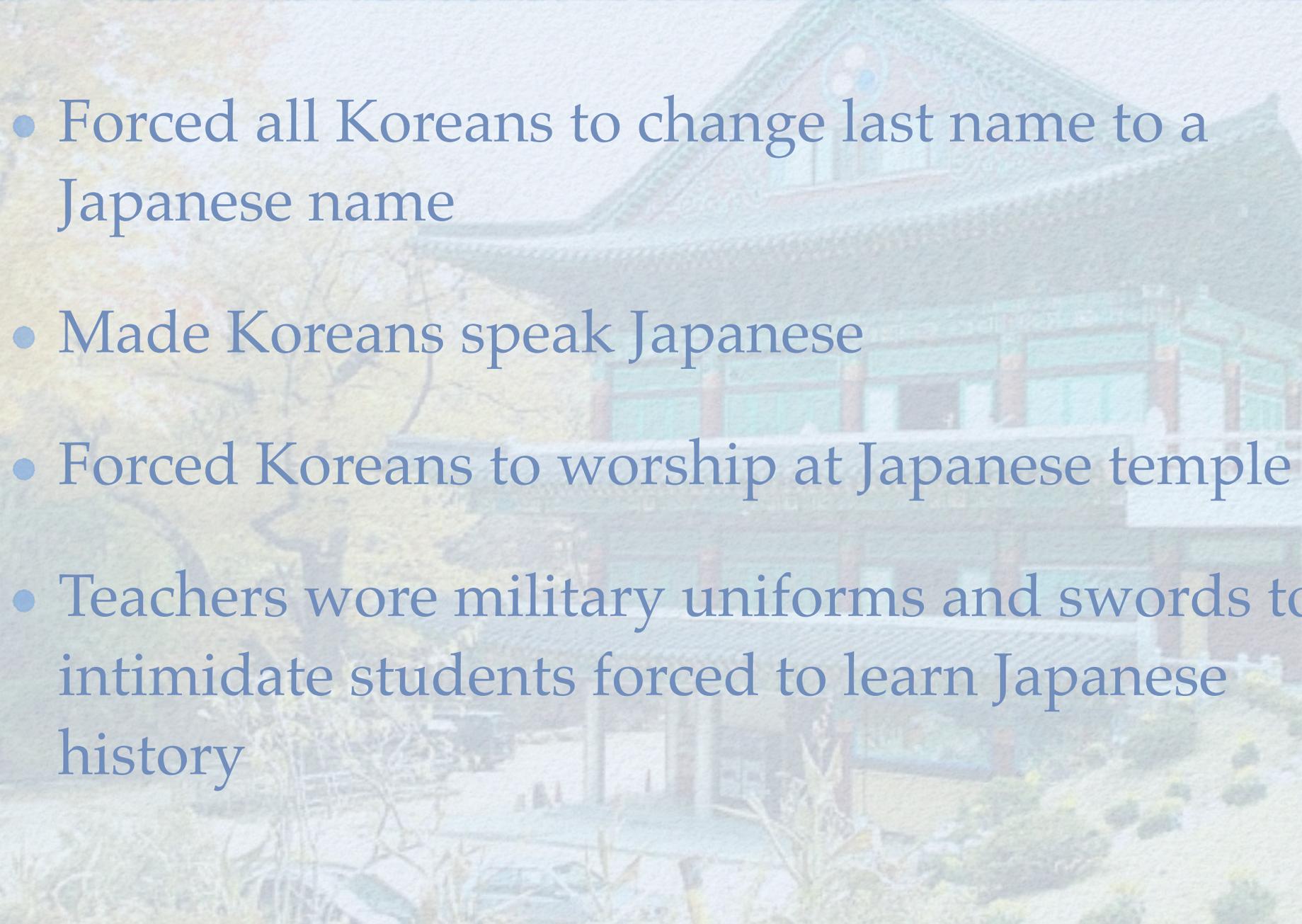


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- 2 Million Koreans protested
 - Japan killed 7,000, wounded 16,000, and arrested 47,000
 - Some Koreans moved north to Manchuria and formed guerrilla groups (Korean Liberation Army)
 - Attacked Japanese along Manchuria - Korea border

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- Japanese continued putting down rebels
 - If a villager was suspected of being a rebel, would round up entire village, put in a church and burn it down

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- During WWII- Japan had labor shortage
 - Conscripted 5,400,000 Korean males for forced labor
 - 670,000 were taken to Japan - 60,000 died from overwork & poor conditions
 - Japanese colonists took huge tracts of land from Korean farmers

- Tried to erase Korean culture
- Added Japanese symbols to Korean temples and monuments
- Re-wrote songs dedicated to Korean Emperors to be about Japanese leaders
- Re-wrote or erased all historical documents that made Japan look bad

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- Forced all Koreans to change last name to a Japanese name
 - Made Koreans speak Japanese
 - Forced Koreans to worship at Japanese temple
 - Teachers wore military uniforms and swords to intimidate students forced to learn Japanese history

- 200,000 Koreans were “asked” to join the “Korean Voluntary” unit of the Japanese military
- 22,000 died during the war



- Japan lured up to 200,000 rural Korean women with promise of factory jobs
- Used them as sex slaves for Japanese military



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- Other Japanese War Crimes in Korea:
 - Crucified Christians
 - Massacre villages hiding resistance fighters
 - Buried elderly alive
 - Starved villages to death
 - Medical experimentation