Introduction

The Tokugawa Shogunate, which ruled Japan from 1603 to 1868, was a period of significant social, economic, and political change. This worksheet is designed to introduce students to the historical context of Japan under the shogun, with a specific focus on the changing foreign policy during the Tokugawa Shogunate.

Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct answer for each question:

- 1. What was the main reason for the Tokugawa Shogunate's isolationist foreign policy?
 - a. To promote trade and cultural exchange with other countries
 - b. To maintain control and stability within Japan
 - c. To expand Japan's territories through conquest
 - d. To adopt Western technologies and institutions

Answer: b) To maintain control and stability within Japan

- 2. Who was Commodore Matthew Perry, and what was his role in Japan's foreign policy?
 - a. A Japanese samurai who advocated for isolationism
 - b. An American naval officer who forced Japan to open its ports to trade
 - c. A European diplomat who negotiated the Treaty of Kanagawa
 - d. A Japanese merchant who traded with China

Answer: b) An American naval officer who forced Japan to open its ports to trade

Answer the following questions in complete sentences: 1. What were the main features of the Tokugawa Shogunate's foreign policy, and how did they impact Japanese society? 2. How did the arrival of Commodore Matthew Perry in 1853 affect Japan's foreign policy, and what were the consequences for the Tokugawa Shogunate? Source Analysis Read the following excerpt from the Tokugawa Shogunate's official documents: "The edict of 1633 prohibited the construction of large ships and the travel of Japanese citizens abroad, in order to prevent the spread of Christianity and maintain the stability of the shogunate." Analyze the source and answer the following questions: 1. What was the main purpose of the edict of 1633? 2. How did the edict reflect the Tokugawa Shogunate's foreign policy? Page 10 3. What were the potential consequences of the edict for Japanese society?	Short Answer Questions	
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Numeracy Task

Analyze the following data on Japan's trade during the Tokugawa Shogunate period:

Year	Imports	Exports
1600	100	50
1650	50	20
1800	20	10

What trends do you observe in the data, and what do they suggest about the impact of the Tokugawa Shogunate's foreign policy on Japan's economy?

Debate
Participate in a debate on the topic: "The Tokugawa Shogunate's foreign policy was effective in maintaining Japan's independence and stability."

1. What did you learn about the Tokugawa Shogunate's foreign policy and its impact on Japanese society? 2. How did the arrival of Commodore Matthew Perry affect Japan's foreign policy, and what were the consequences for the Tokugawa Shogunate? 3. What are the significance and relevance of the Tokugawa Shogunate's foreign policy to contemporary issues in international relations and global politics?
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Extension Activity
Create a multimedia presentation (e.g., video, podcast, or infographic) that explores the impact of the Tokugawa Shogunate's foreign policy on Japanese society.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Tokugawa Shogunate's foreign policy was a complex and multifaceted phenomenon that had significant impacts on Japanese society. Through this worksheet, students have developed a deeper understanding of the historical context and significance of this period in Japanese history.