

Reading 12abc: *The Times* Leaders: Worksheet

- a) Leader, 26 September 1896, p.9
- b) Leader, 17 July 1899, p. 9
- c) Leader, 24 June 1901, p. 11

Intertextual materials:

- 1) “Japan as a Commercial Rival”, Article, 26 September 1896, p.7.
- 2) “The New Era in Japan”, Article, 17 July 1899, p.3.
- 3) “Japan as a Field for Foreign Capital”, Article, 24 June 1901, p.3.

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I. General Questions (regarding all readings)

- 1. What is the date and immediate context of each of the articles?
- 2. What are the main subjects and arguments of the three articles?
- 3. Where and how do the three articles make reference to the “intertextual materials” listed above?
- 4. What position does each of the articles take towards Japanese economic and political development?
- 5. What negative comments, if any, are made in each leader concerning Japanese character culture and character?
- 6. What does each of the articles have to say about the position of the Britain vis-a-vis Japanese development?
- 7. What comments, if any, does each article make concerning other Western and/or Asian states?
- 8. Do the passages reflect the modes of thought that we have termed Social Darwinism and Orientalism? If so, where and how?

II. Specific Questions (regarding each reading)

Who are the following people mentioned in the articles?

2a) Vice-Consul Longford

2b) Sir Harry Parkes
the Minister for Foreign Affairs

2c) Viscount Katsura
Viscount Watanabe
Marquis Ito