

## Worksheet: Reading 5abc:

### Correspondence on “Christian Missions in Japan” in *The Times*, 1873

- 1) Reading 5a. Letter, *Times* (15 Jan 1873) p. 7
- 2) Reading 5b. Two Letters, *Times* (16 Jan 1873) p. 10
- 3) Reading 5c. Letter, *Times* (28 Jan 1873) p. 4

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#### I. General Questions (regarding all readings)

1. What is the date of writing, date of publication, and signature of each of the letters?
2. What do we learn or can we surmise about the authors of the letters?
3. What position/attitude does each letter take towards the presence of Christian missionaries in Japan?
4. What position/attitude does each letter take towards the policies of the Japanese government towards Christianity in Japan?
5. What position/attitude, if any, does each article take towards religions other than Christianity (Buddhism, Shinto, ...)?
6. Do the letters reflect the modes of thought that we have termed Social Darwinism and Orientalism? If so, where and how?

#### II. Specific Questions (regarding each letter)

What do the following phrases refer to?

- Letter A:           = the National Church   = The national religion of Japan   = Urakami
- Letter B1:         = the cause of Evangelical truth
- Letter B2:         = the communities of native Christians
- Letter C:           = Isaac Taylor   = *Credat Judaeus Adelles*                 = Hirata and his disciples