

## **Reading 9: B.H. Chamberlain: Worksheet**

Reading 9a. Basil Hall Chamberlain, “On the Manners and Customs of the Loochooans”, *Transactions of the Asiatic Society of Japan* v21 (1893) pp. 271-89.

Reading 9b. Basil Hall Chamberlain, “Reply to Mr. Batchelor on the Words ‘Kamui’ and ‘Aino’”, *Transactions of the Asiatic Society of Japan* v16 (1889) pp. 33-8.

### **I. General Questions (regarding both articles)**

1. What are the dates, venue, and main subjects of the articles?
2. What are the main aspects of Loochoo and Aino culture described here? Are Chamberlain’s main concerns those of an anthropologist, a linguist, a sociologist, or a combination?
3. What do we learn about the author’s sources concerning Loochu/Aino language and culture?
4. What position does the author take towards relations between the Loocho/Aino people the and Japanese? What other ethnic/national groups are mentioned?
5. What comments, if any, does the author make concerning the political and territorial expansion of the Japanese empire during the period of his residence?
6. What position, if any, does the author take towards gender roles in Loochoo and Aino society, as distinct from Japan or Western nations?
7. How much does the article reflect a distinctive Western perspective on things Asian? Does the article reflect the modes of thought that we have termed Social Darwinism and Orientalism? If so, where and how?

### **IIa. Specific Questions on 9a**

1. What do the following phrases mean:
  - = this Lilliputian island realm (p. 271)
  - = florists of Yokohama (p. 272)
  - = these unpleasant tears (p. 274)
  - = piggishness (p. 281)
  - = richer in sounds than Japanese (p. 282)
2. Who are the following:
  - = Captain Basil Hall (p. 271)
  - = Mr. Gubbins, Dr. Guillemard, Dr. Doederlein, Mr. Kada Tei-ichi (pp. 278-9)
  - = Mr. Satow (p. 274), Mr. Aston (p. 283)
  - = Mr. Narabara, Mr. Takeshita (p. 287)

### **IIa. Specific Questions on 9b**

- = Who are Hirata, Batchelor, and Carlyle?
- = Why are the cities Calcutta, Bombay, and Vienna mentioned?