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## Imperialism in Asia during the Age of Anxiety

**Overview:** Imperialism is not specific to just Western Powers - any country with ambitions of expanding territory for the purpose of accessing more natural resources, combined with an industrialized economy capable of supporting such militaristic endeavors, would likely engage in the de facto annexation of foreign territory. Our job is to see how imperialism played out in Asia shortly after WWI.

**Prior Knowledge Contextualization:** What has happened in both China and Japan before and during WWI?

Japan	China

**Contextualization:** Consider the role of international treaties and alliances after WWI besides the Treaty of Versailles. How did prior international treaties set limitations on imperial powers?

Nine Powers Treaty of 1922	Kellogg-Briand Pact of 1928
Signatory Countries?	Signatory Countries?
Methods to limit militaristic imperialism?	Methods to limit militaristic imperialism?
Effectiveness of enforcement?	Effectiveness of enforcement?

**“The Spark” of Conflict:** Briefly, what caused Japan to invade China? What year did this invasion take place? How did Chinese government officials **JUSTIFY** this invasion? What are your thoughts on the justification given by the Chinese government official?

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**Concrete Details:** Quantify the human loss resulting from the Japanese invasion of China.

**Concrete Details:** Examine the role of Unit 731. Summarize the work of this unit. What purpose did this unit serve in actualizing the goals of the Japanese military?

**Concrete Detail:** Read "Report #5" from this [New York Times article from December, 1937](#). Consult a map of China to see the extent and scope of the Japanese invasion that spanned from Manchuria to Nanjing. Describe the nature of the Japanese invasion of Nanjing.

**Outcomes:** How did the international community respond to Japan's invasion of China? Read an excerpt from a news article highlighting some of the most pressing diplomatic developments to inform your response.