# How Japan Became a Great Power

# Viewing Questions

1. What were the short and long-term consequences for Japan of the Harris Treaty of 1858?
2. What was the far more powerful weapon revealed by the rebel army?
3. Why was the civil war unevenly matched?
4. Why did the Meiji Emperor insist that knowledge must be sought throughout the world?
5. What was the purpose of the Iwakura mission?
6. Describe some of the cultural differences between East and West the Iwakura emissaries noted from their time in the United States?
7. Was the Iwakura mission successful in securing more fair treaties with the West?
8. Which three Western ideas did Japan need most of all?
9. What did English businessman Thomas Glover provide the Choshu and Satsuma?
10. Which small shipping firm did Glover strike an early deal with?
11. Describe traditional Japanese attitudes towards meat eating?
12. Why did Japan need its own domestic munitions industry?
13. How did the Japanese weapons industry develop?
14. Which war did Japan’s military modernisers learn from?
15. Which military model did the Japanese adopt?
16. What strategic peninsular was at the centre of both the Sino-Japanese war and the Russo-Japanese war?
17. When did Japan start building her own ships?
18. How did the Government respond to the peasant rebellion of 1885?
19. Why were regional parts of Japan left behind in the process of modernisation?
20. What reforms did the peasants rebel against?
21. How were the samurai negatively impacted by modernisation?
22. How did the Satsuma Rebellion end in 1877?
23. What was meant by the term ‘Japanese Spirit, Western Learning’?
24. What Japanese custom was adapted by nearly every Western visitor?
25. How did Western fashion spread in Japan?
26. What was the experience of Matsue Otana in Australia, and why was she there with the blessing of the government?
27. What ideas underpinned the 1889 Constitution?
28. How was education intended to advance the nation?
29. What experience did the future Tsar Nicholas II have in Japan as a young man?
30. How did the Sino-Japanese war help the Japanese government?
31. What would ‘Pax Nipponicus’ mean for Asia?
32. How was Japan perceived by the West by the 1890s?
33. How would an Anglo-Japanese alliance benefit Japan?
34. What was at the heart of the new state?
35. How had Japan already expanded by the end of the 1890s?
36. When was the Anglo-Japanese Alliance signed?
37. What took place in May 1905 in the Strait of Tsushima?
38. What did the victory over Russia mark for Tojo and Japan?