

Teacher Masterclass:

The Foreign Mandate – Tokagawa Shogunate

Have students read and highlight the main points in the handout.

Students then discuss their thoughts in pairs. Once this is complete, students then participate in a group discussion and brainstorm using an A3 map of the world with Japan highlighted.

Key questions:

What are the consequences and challenges of isolating a country from the rest of the world?

What do you feel was the ‘thinking’ behind this decision?

What do you think might have occurred differently if Japan had not adopted this approach?

Are there countries today that currently adopt this approach? If so, why?

Ask students what questions they have as a result of thinking about this mandate.