

**Summer Reading and Research Assignment: Contemporary Maritime Piracy in Asia
Worksheet DUE: September 8, 2006**

Workday in library: Friday, Sept 1 (computers reserved for class)

In addition to the summer reading, Dana Stabenow's *Blindfold Game*, you will find and read at least one additional source on modern day maritime piracy in Asia.

You will complete a worksheet on the summer reading and a short response sheet based upon your additional source.

Korean Nuclear Settlement Roundtable Simulation

Position Papers DUE: Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Roundtable meetings: Thursday & Friday, September 21-21, 2006

Final Agreement DUE: Friday, September 22, 2006

North Korea, a reclusive, Stalinist state has technically been at war with the US and its neighbor, South Korea since the end of the Korean war in 1954. North Korea has an army of 1.2 million soldiers and spends 30% of GDP to maintain its military and thousands of artillery pieces. Beginning in the 1980s, US intelligence learned of North Korea's efforts to develop both nuclear weapons and missiles capable of delivering them. In 1994 President Clinton negotiated a framework by which the North would agree to abandon its nuclear program and close its nuclear reactor in Yongbyon. In exchange, the U.S., South Korea and Japan would help construct two light-water nuclear reactors (from which it would be more difficult to enrich plutonium for use in weapons), as well as deliver 500K ton of fuel oil (to produce electricity and other energy needs) each year until completion of the reactor. North Korea violated the framework when it fired a test missile over Japan in 1998. President Bush announced in 2002 that North Korea, along with Iraq and Iran, constituted an Axis of Evil, connected through their plans for mass destruction through nuclear weapons. North Korea admitted to violations of the framework, which indicated an implicit acknowledgement of a violation of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and IAEA inspectors. Efforts to reduce the risk of nuclear destruction as well as relations between the US and North Korea remain at a stalemate. Working in groups of two, you will participate in multilateral roundtable by the major powers involved: China, Russia, US, Japan, North and South Korea. The goal is to negotiate and draft an international agreement to resolve the crisis. You will have time in the library to research your positions, as well as several days devoted to the negotiations.

Analysis of Japan's war crimes:

Talking points DUE: Tuesday, October 17, 2006

Class Seminar on tribunal: Tuesday & Wednesday, October 17 & 18, 2006

You will be researching the history behind Japan's imperial drive in Korea, Manchuria and China. There will be a day in the library to assist you with this research: Thursday, October 12, 2006. From your research you need to develop a one- page summary of your "talking points" for the seminar on Japan's guilt. These talking points need to include

- your notes on historical background (what did Japan do?)
- your definition of human rights and the violations
- a description of the tribunal and its prosecution and then judgment of the Japanese
- an indication of your assessment on the efficacy of the tribunal

2d quarter project:

Independent country research and presentation

Papers DUE: December 12, 2006

Presentations: December 13-14, 2006

The class will be divided into pairs to research individual countries in Asia not specifically addressed in the class. Each pair will:

- produce a website to present to the class;
- select, research, present a scholarly article on the country;
- present a map describing an issue facing the country

These three grades will account for 33.3% of your semester grade.

Late papers will be downgraded a 1/3 grade for every day they are late per school policy.

Getting Help:

I will make every effort to meet with you when requested. You can find me in the history faculty office, via email: christy_story@castilleja.org or at extension: 650-328-3160 ext. 226