

Lecture 23

Plotting the Meiji Restoration

0. Intro

- Plotting bakumatsu history: finding motives among a mess of events
- Reform/Relief/Redemption/Revolution/Restoration

1. Western envoys

- a. US-Japan Treaty of Friendship (Kanagawa Treaty), 1854
- b. Shimoda and Hakodate opened for provisioning
- c. Townsend Harris and US-Japan Treaty of Amity & Commerce (others follow)
- d. Extraterritoriality and unequal treaties

2. The bakufu and daimyô (& imperial court)

- a. *Kôbu gattai* (“union of court and camp”)
- b. *Taisei hôkan*: governing power to court, the Tokugawa in council of daimyô

3. The imperial loyalists

- a. Satsuma-Chôshû secret alliance in 1866 - - - -> “Satchô clique” formed
- b. Use of *sonnô jôi* slogan to undermine bakufu authority
- c. *Shishi*: men of conviction
- d. The Meiji Restoration coup d’etat, January 1868