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# Undisciplining the Victorian Classroom



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## Production Details

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## Overview and Timeline

To help instructors and students who may be unfamiliar with the history of East Asia and its transimperial exchanges with the Anglophone world, the creators of the “[Transimperial Networks and East Asia](#)” lesson plan cluster built this timeline, which includes some major historical events from the fifteenth to the twentieth century. This timeline comes out of our many discussions about the methodological issues that arise when the field of Victorian Studies seeks to expand its traditional geographical scope. As we quickly realized in the process of creating our cluster, the usual boundaries of the long nineteenth century (the French Revolution to World War I) are too limited and Eurocentric for the transimperial connections our lesson plans examine. Thus, we offer this timeline both to orient instructors and students and to illustrate how centering East Asia calls into question our field’s most basic assumptions. For more historical context and resources, please peruse each [lesson plan](#).

*Note for users with visual impairments:* The timeline below presents items along a vertical axis, with events being given in a descending, alternating right-left fashion (desktop) or one below another (mobile).

**Centuries:** [1400s](#) [1500s](#) [1600s](#) [1700s](#) [1800s](#) [1900s](#)

1402

The Korean world map, the *Kangnido*, is completed

1594

First appearance of Korea in a Western world map

1600

East India Company (EIC) incorporated

1664

EIC starts to import tea from China

1773

EIC begins its involvement in the opium trade

1773

Boston Tea Party

1783

American Independence

1792–94

George Macartney's failed mission to China to extend trade and diplomatic

relations between Britain and China

4 September 1839–29 August 1842

First Opium War

29 August 1842

Britain and China sign the Treaty of Nanking

26 June 1843

China cedes Hong Kong Island to Britain

17 November 1843

Opening of Shanghai and other treaty ports in China

1850–64

Taiping Rebellion in China

1853

Commodore Perry arrives in Japan

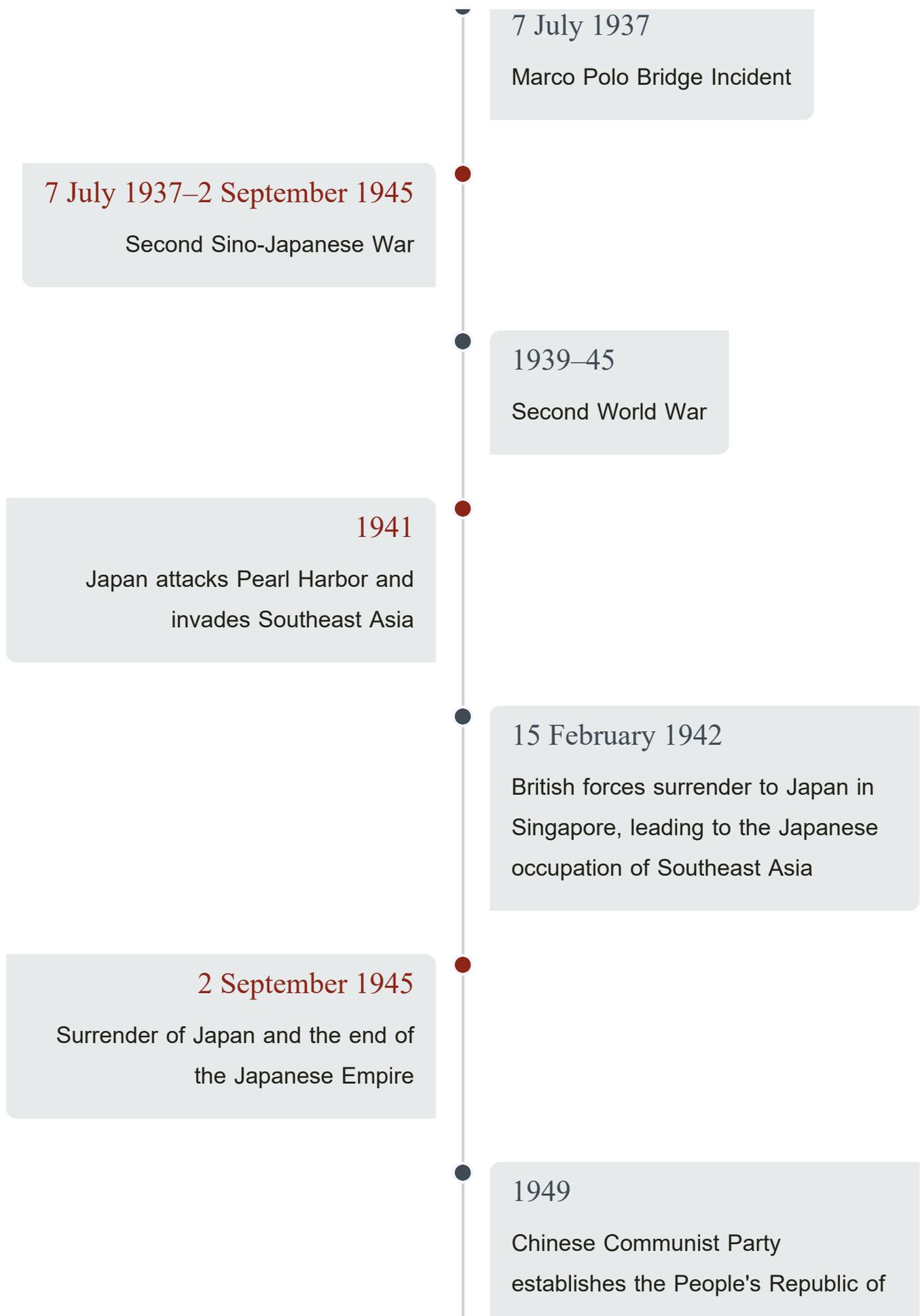
1854











China

*Note:* Users interested in seeing an animated, horizontally-oriented version of our timeline may wish to consult the [version](#) we created through Knightlab's *TimelineJS*. However, users should also note that the Knightlab timeline is on an external site and is not coded for visual accessibility.

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