Woodrow Wilson and The Shandong Problem

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Background

What

Why

Goal

Findings
Anti-China Sentiment in the United States

Many Chinese immigrants came to the western part of the US in the second half of the 19th century. They were mainly men, working in the gold fields of California, but, by the last decades of the century, they established homes from cities such as Seattle and Denver. There were even new towns in California. In early 1913, San francisco was a new high, and a full recruiting inquiry action was passed even President Wilson’s veto.

Woodrow Wilson &

The Chinese Communist Party

Established in 1920

After Shandong was given to Japan, Chinese revolutionaries were able to establish their democratic ideals in Europe and in many cities. Woodrow Wilson was president of the United States and became the first president to visit China. "China felt betrayed"

Washington Naval Conference

Japan and China signed a bilateral agreement; the Shantung (Shandong) Treaty, which returned control of the province and its railroad to China.
Pre World War I (1898): Germany (Japan)

Treaty of Versailles (1919): Japan

Washington Naval Conference (1920-1922): China

May Fourth Movement

Shandong/Shantung’s location on the map of China
Treaty of Versailles

Wilson’s goal

Domestic context

Pressure in Paris

Meeting at Wilson's Paris home prior to the signing of the Versailles Treaty

Wellington Koo, Chinese ambassador in Paris
Impact on China

Koo’s Refusal

Protest in Paris and Beijing

May 4th Movement

Nationalism

Communism

Propaganda poster of Mao Zedong and Joseph Stalin

Oil painting of the May Fourth Movement
Conclusion and Discussion

Racism
Nationalism in China
Anti-China sentiments in the US

Century of humiliation

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