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Manchuria
Invasion

Japan over China (1931-32)

The Manchuria Invasion - 1931 / 1932



 **Task 1:** Number statements into a sensible order **Task 2:** Colour code (A) Causes (B) How League failed (C) Why failed (D) Effects.

Manchuria was rich in resources - minerals, forest and lands. The Depression had meant less trade so Manchuria offered a good opportunity to grab resources.

The Manchuria invasion encouraged other countries to act without fear of League action - countries such as Britain acted out of self not collective interest.

1 The Depression hit Japan hard. The government found that it had no solutions to the problems created by the depression - the army took control.

At China's request the League ordered the Japanese to withdraw - the army did not listen and instead invaded the rest of Manchuria by the end of 1931.

The Japanese had a very low opinion of the Chinese (Manchuria was part of China) and saw them as inferior and even subhuman.

The League decided to send Lord Lytton to investigate - it was painfully slow and after almost a year the 'Lytton Report' concluded Japan should leave.

The League also lost its most powerful member in the Far East—later Japan would join forces with Germany and Italy.

Britain did not want to lose trade with Japan, a major trade partner and Britain was also worried about her Far East colonies (Hong Kong and Singapore).

Many of the League members were also more focussed on dealing with their own problems not solving those in a far away land - they did not want conflict.

The League had 2 main options - the first, a warning had no effect. The second, economic or trade sanctions were considered.

Japan ignored the report - this showed that the League was powerless to deal with larger nations that ignored its rulings

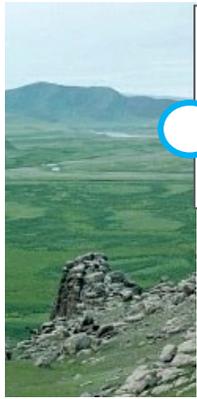
The Mukden Incident: an explosion on the South Manchuria Railway gave the army the excuse it needed to blame Manchuria and to invade.

Japan was also crowded with an increasing population. Manchuria was almost 200,000 square kilometers – more than enough to home a growing population.

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Empire + Resources
Japan wanted to build its own empire.
Japan needed resources.
(timber, coal, iron)



The Mukden Incident
Explosion on South Manchurian railway.
A convenient excuse for Japan.

Military took power in Japan
Prompted by economic problems - the Japanese military had taken control. Militarism led to the invasion of Chinese controlled Manchuria.



The Lytton Report.
Set up by Britain. It took 12 months for the report to be issued and it only advised that Japan to leave Manchuria.

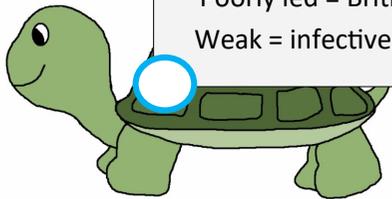


The Issue of Trade.
Japan was a major trading partner with Britain.
Britain feared losing this trade link + the USA could easily fill in any trade gap created.

General Hatred + Racism
The Japanese viewed the Chinese as sub-human and Manchuria had to be colonised / civilised / stabilised.

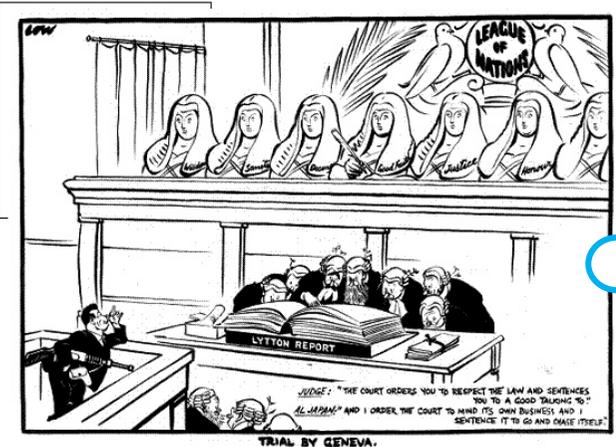


League Structure
Slow react = 12 months
Poorly led = British selfish
Weak = infective sanctions



What's the message here?
Japan walks over the League
League is cowardly
Japan is aggressive
League is damaged

League has been humiliated



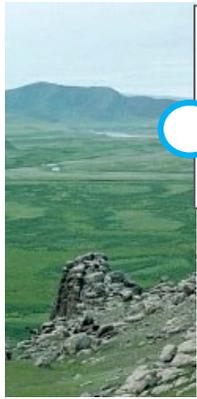
What's the message here?
League is scared / confused.
The report was big / slow.
Japan is aggressive.
Japan doesn't respect the League
League values betrayed

League is weak + ineffective

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The Mukden Incident



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The Lytton Report.

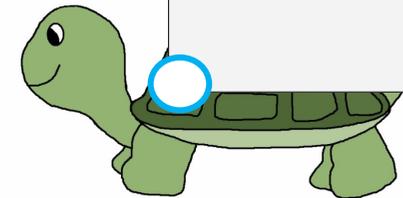


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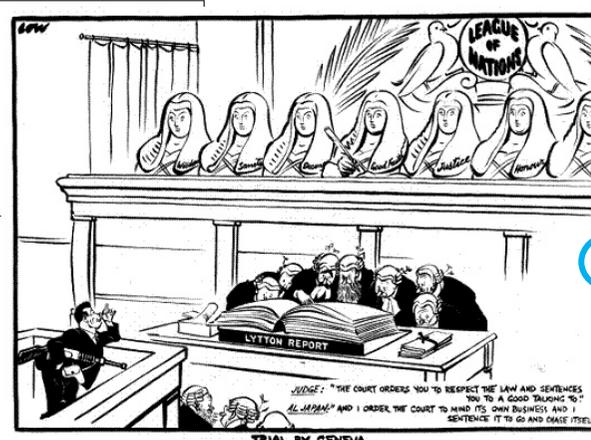
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League Structure



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1931 - 1932

Why did Japan attack Manchuria in 1931?

How League failed ...

Why did the League fail?
(Consider absence of USA)

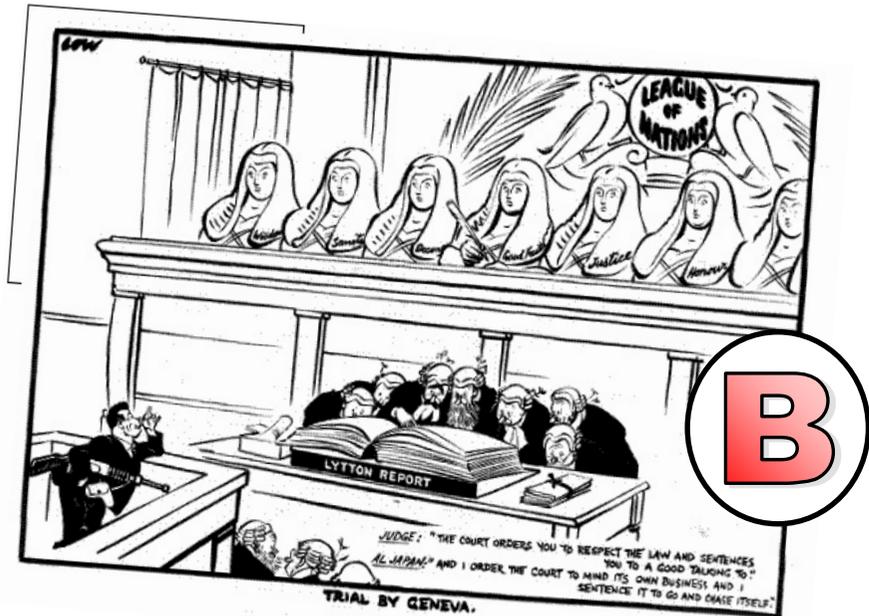
Consequences of the Manchuria invasion for the League?



Comparing Cartoon Sources

 **Task:** to compare two cartoons use COP - Content, Origin and Purpose **Skill:** cartoon analysis and evaluation - including corroboration.

A



B

How similar are sources A and B ?

Introduction: the sources are not similar, somewhat similar, largely similar.

Content 1: (what it shows) The MAIN messages are / are not similar. 

Content 2: (what it shows) The sub-message are / are not similar. 

Origin: is the (who, when, where) are / are not similar. 

Purpose: (why/ motive) the motives are / are not similar. 

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