The Boxer Rebellion: In Search of History

Directions: Watch the video provided on the history of the Boxer Rebellion of 1900 and answer the questions below.

1. How far back does the history of the Boxer culture stretch? What is Jung-hwa?

2. What is the role of the Chinese emperor according to historic legend?

3. Describe what would happen to those outside of courtiers who enter the Imperial city.

4. How is western trade restricted as global commercialization becomes an increasingly weary reality?

5. What items were traded in Chinese ports? How did western countries, such as Britain pay for Chinese exports?

6. How did the Chinese react in 1839 to select British imports into China?

7. How did Britain react to the Chinese reaction?

8. How did the Opium Wars end? What was the result for China?

9. What are “Treaty Ports” for concessions? How were the Chinese effected by these ports?

10. How did Christian missionaries view Chinese? What did they do to the Chinese culture?

11. Who was Charles Wesley Price? Where was he, his wife Eva and his family originally from?

12. How does weather work against the Chinese in the summer of 1898? How do the Chinese view this weather crisis?
13. Who are the Boxers? What task did they take on in response to the European Imperialist living in China?

14. What role did spiritualism play in the development of the Boxers? How did this play in their protection?

15. Who created the term “Boxer Rebellion”? What was the misguided belief about the Boxers on behalf of the Christian missionaries?

16. How does Empress Cixi rise to power? How does she react to the Boxer uprising against the Westerners?

17. How does the U.S. State Department as well as other European diplomatic bodies react to the Boxer uprising?

18. When foreign military aid finally arrives for westerners to China, how does Cixi decide to use them? What plan did they put in place to stop western escape?

19. What ultimatum does Empress Cixi give the western invaders before she ordered her troops to attack?

20. How did the Imperial army and Boxers work together to defeat western military troops?

21. What “monumental mistake” provides the westerners with a positive turning point during the rebellion?

22. What paths did western military personal have to endure in order to reach the trapped European hostages?

23. What happens to Empress Cixi? What last attempt does she do to save her empire?

24. How many Chinese die as a result of the Boxer Rebellion?

25. What happens to Chinese cities and cultural artifacts following the rebellion? What was China forced to pay and endure as terms for their defeat against the westerners?

26. How did the Boxer Rebellion serve as a historical turning point for China?