

**Curriculum Development on Africa and Asia for Community Colleges  
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Primary Source Analysis

Rea, "The Greatest Civilizing Force in Eastern Asia," *Far Eastern Review* (November 1924), pp. 517-522.

Based upon the reading provided, please answer the questions below. Be sure to write in your OWN WORDS, as well as use examples from the source. Also, take into account details and specifics from outside readings, as well as class discussions.

1. As the piece puts forth, in what ways does Manchuria differ from the rest of China?
2. Summarize the economic development of Manchuria under Japanese rule.
3. According to the author, which he at times simply implies, what motivates Japan's activities in the region?
4. What international examples does the author use as a comparison to/contrast of Japan's actions?
5. How does the author argue that while Japan "may have" exploited the region, it should not be viewed as an absolute aggressor?
6. According to the article, how do certain foreign officials praise/support/promote Japan's actions in Manchuria?
7. Summarize the development of rice production/output.
8. Summarize the development of Darien.
9. Summarize the development of the Fushun & Anshan mines.
10. In your opinion, what do you think the purpose of this article was? Explain, taking into account Japan's international expansion after 1910.
11. In your opinion, how would you describe the piece's tone? Its accuracy? Explain.