



Invasion of Nanking (10.8.1)

Background:

In 1930, Japan was suffering from economic problems. Its military leaders wanted to expand Japan's empire to gain more raw materials and restore Japan's power in Asia and the world. Japan's army invaded Nanking, the capital of China, in 1937.

Prompt:

What happened during the Japanese invasion of Nanking?

Task:

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Be certain to cite at least four pieces of evidence from the documents and additional research on Japanese activities during the invasion of Nanking.
- Explain how the evidence in these documents and your research led you to this conclusion.