

Reading Skill: Identify Causes and Effects As you read this section, identify the causes and effects of the Meiji Restoration in a chart like the one below.



Colonization in Korea

The excerpts below present two different views of the effect of Japan's control of Korea in the early 1900s.

Critical Thinking *How do the two views on the results of colonization in Korea differ?*

Positive Effects

Mining, fishery, and manufacturing have advanced. The bald mountains have been covered with young trees. Trade has increased by leaps and bounds. . . . Study what we are doing in Korea. . . . Japan is a steward on whom devolves [falls] the gigantic task of uplifting the Far East.

—*Japanese academic Nitobe Inazo*

Negative Effects

The result of annexation, brought about without any conference with the Korean people, is that the Japanese . . . by a false set of figures show a profit and loss account between us two peoples most untrue, digging a trench of everlasting resentment deeper and deeper. . . .

—From the Declaration of Korean Independence, 1919

- Explain how Japan modernized under the Meiji reformers.
- Summarize how and why Korea became a Japanese colony.