**7.5 - Effects of the Second World War on the Pacific**

**Democratization of Japan and US Occupation**

* + Japan was defeated mostly by the U.S
		- Occupation fell into hands of U.S. and appointed supreme allied commander of General MacArthur
	+ US goals for Japan:
		- Develop liberal democracy
		- Develop free market economy
	+ Occupation terms
		- War crime punishments
		- Disband military+disarmament
		- Former military leaders cannot hold office
		- Disband large corporations like “zaibatsu”
		- Emperor must renounce “divinity” -> figurehead replacement role
		- Land break-ups to favor small holds
		- US military bases remained in Okinawa+Japan
* US provided Japan with Aid (1945-1950)
	+ - During Korean War Japan’s location provided it as an economic hotspot
			* US occupation ends in Japan in 1952
			* However, Peace did not occur
				+ Continued demilitarized parliamentary with market economy

**Imperialism and Decolonization**

* + Shift in the global power of Britain and France as hegemons in their regions
	+ Existence of “global empires” post 1945 shifts



Map showing the colonial holdings of global powers before 1945

* + WWII battles conveyed the difficulty of defending the geographically scattered colonies
	+ 1945 - **Clement Attlee’s Labor Government** leads to contemplation and conversation regarding the political independence of British colonies such as India
	+ Different situation regarding French colonies in Asia following the detonation of the atomic bomb in Japan
		- Active Japanese troops were forced to demobilize haphazardly
		- Massive Japanese casualties -> Samurai + Bushido code, no surrender
	+ Unlike Britain, the French government assumed that French control of Indo-China would resume as normal following the end of World War II
		- Growing tensions as Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam begins to grow the country towards Northern Indo-China
		- **Leads to 9 years of warfare between Viet Minh & French forces**

**Cold War**

* US solely occupies power in Japan
	+ Rehabilitation and political direction of Japan determined by US
* Japanese imperial holdings split amongst Allied Powers
* Countries in control:
	+ China controls Taiwan
	+ USSR controls north side of Korea
	+ US controls south side of Korea
	+ Britain controls Hong Kong
* USSR honors pledge to declare war on Japan
* USSR invades Mongolia (August 1945)
	+ Day after bombing Hiroshima
		- Decided to bomb in order for US to accept USSR help in defeating Japan
* Atomic bomb lead to US not needing help from Allied Powers
	+ Britain, China, France did not focus on Japan
* Occupation of Japan important to US
	+ To serve as critical base for US and United Nations during Korean War

**Timeline:**

* USSR invades Mongolia (August 1945)
* Truman's growing disgust of stalins and his policies
* 1945 - **Clement Attlee’s Labor Government** leads to contemplation and conversation regarding the political independence of British colonies such as India
* US provided Japan with Aid (1945-1950)
* In 1952 the us occupation of japan formally ended (although the peace with japan didn't)