

Human Rights, United Nations & Japan's Constitution

1. United Nations
 - a. Formed in San Francisco, CA
 - b. "Big 4" wanted to prevent a huge war again.
 - i. Legally binding
 - c. China, US, Great Britain, Russia & France -> permanent
 - d. 193 member countries
 - e. Downsides
 - i. Doesn't really stop anything
 - ii. Incredibly expensive
 - f. Declaration of Human Rights
 - i. Declared on December 10th, 1948
2. Tokyo Trials
 - a. Modeled after Nuremberg
 - b. Crimes against peace was a prereq for Tokyo Trials
 - c. 3 things had to be proven
 - i. Crimes were systematic & widespread
 - ii. The accused knew that it was happening
 - iii. Accused had power to stop the crime
 - d. Separate trials convicted more than 5,500 lower officials.
 - e. General Hideki Tojo
 - i. Found guilty and hung
3. Emperor Hirohito
 - a. Not tried-> US needed him to help turn Japan into ally
 - i. Needed help with Soviet Union
4. US Dictates Japan's Constitution
 - a. Still in effect today
 - i. 100 articles in constitution
 - b. Hirohito renounced divinity
 - c. Japan not allowed to declare war

Class Dictionary:

13. Declaration of Human Rights: A document from the UN that declares human rights are universal – to be enjoyed by all people, no matter who they are or where they live.