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The Opium Wars and Their Impact



The _____ were a series of conflicts in the mid-19th century between _____ and _____. These wars were primarily about trade, especially Britain's desire to continue selling _____ to China. The Chinese government, concerned about the damaging effects of opium, attempted to restrict its import. This led to a _____ with Britain, which was making huge profits from the opium trade. The first Opium War (1839-1842) ended with the Treaty of _____, which greatly favored Britain. It forced China to cede _____ to Britain and open up several _____ for trade. The second Opium War (1856-1860) further weakened China's sovereignty. As a result, China had to grant more concessions to _____ powers, including legalizing the opium trade. These wars had lasting impacts on China, contributing to internal unrest and the eventual collapse of the _____ dynasty. They also marked the beginning of the era of unequal treaties, which greatly humiliated the Chinese people and eroded their _____.

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