READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



Nanking Lesson

Central Historical Question: What happened during the Japanese invasion of Nanking?

California State Standard 10.8.1 Compare the German, Italian, and Japanese drives for empire in the 1930s, including the 1937 Rape of Nanking, other atrocities in China, and the Stalin-Hitler Pact of 1939.

Common Core State Standard(s):

Reading

- 1. Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, attending to such features as the date and origin of the information.
- 2. Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of how key events or ideas develop over the course of the text.
- **4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary describing political, social, or economic aspects of history/social studies.
- **6.** Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, including which details they include and emphasize in their respective accounts.
- **7.** Integrate quantitative or technical analysis (e.g., charts, research data) with qualitative analysis in print or digital text.
- **8.** Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claims.
- **10.** By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 9-10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Writing

- Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
 a. Introduce precise claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from
 - alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that establishes clear relationships among the claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- **4.** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- **8.** Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
- **9.** Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.
- **10.** Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.