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The Opium Wars: Clash of Empires and the Struggle for Control

Short Answer

1. Describe the economic and social impact of the opium trade in China during the 19th century.
2. Why did the First Opium War (1839-1842) break out, and what were the terms of the Treaty of Nanking (1842)?
3. What were the causes and outcomes of the Second Opium War (1856-1860), and what did the Treaty of Tientsin and the Convention of Peking entail?
4. How did the Opium Wars weaken China's sovereignty and set the stage for further foreign intervention?
5. Reflect on the long-term consequences of the Opium Wars for China and its relationship with foreign powers.

