

# **Essential Question: What was the role of the United States in the rebuilding of Japan after WWII?**

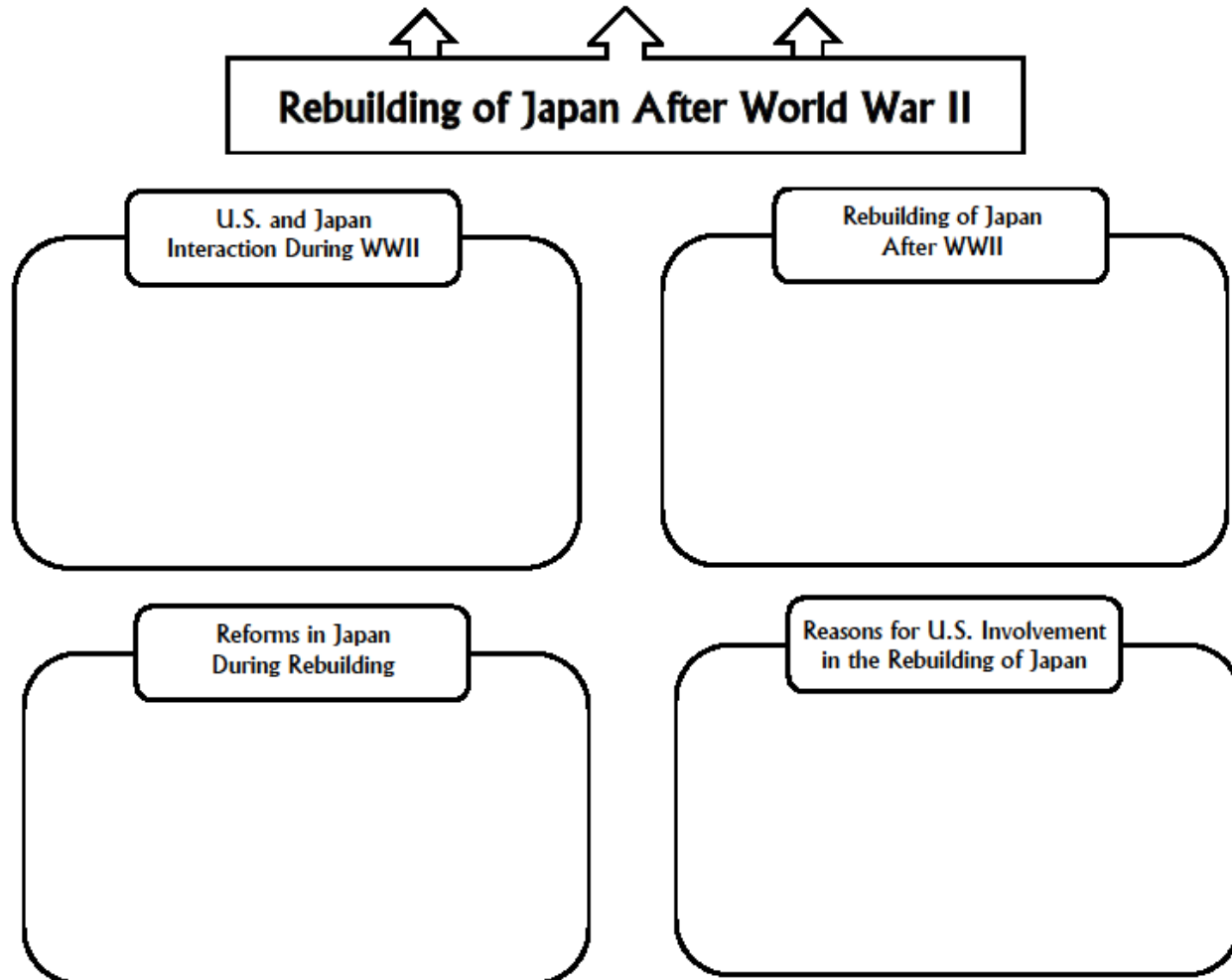
**Standard:**

**SS7H3c. Explain the role of the United States in the rebuilding of Japan after WWII.**

# Activating Strategy: World War II History Frame

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_O4Lf9qyuFo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_O4Lf9qyuFo)

# Use the Graphic Organizer to take Notes



# U.S. and Japan Interaction During World War II

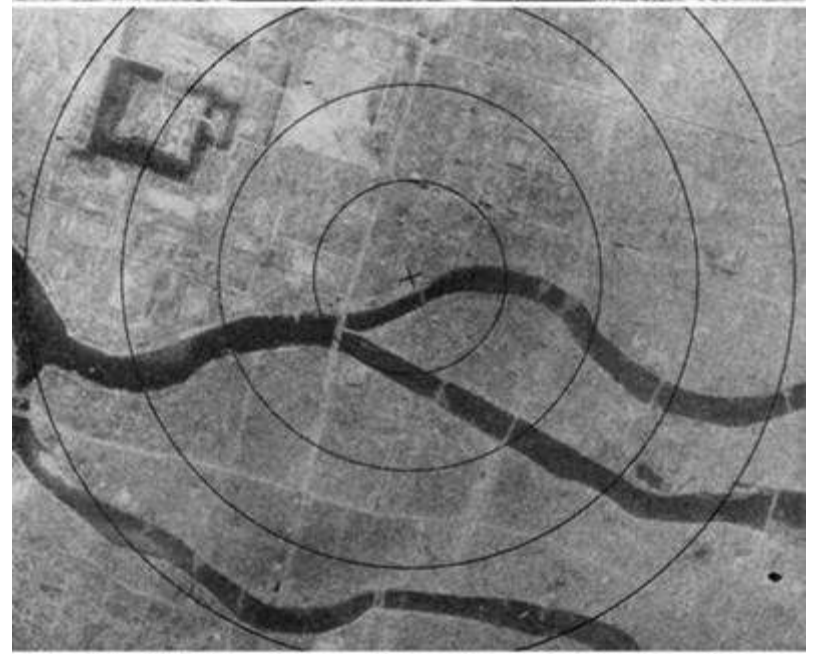
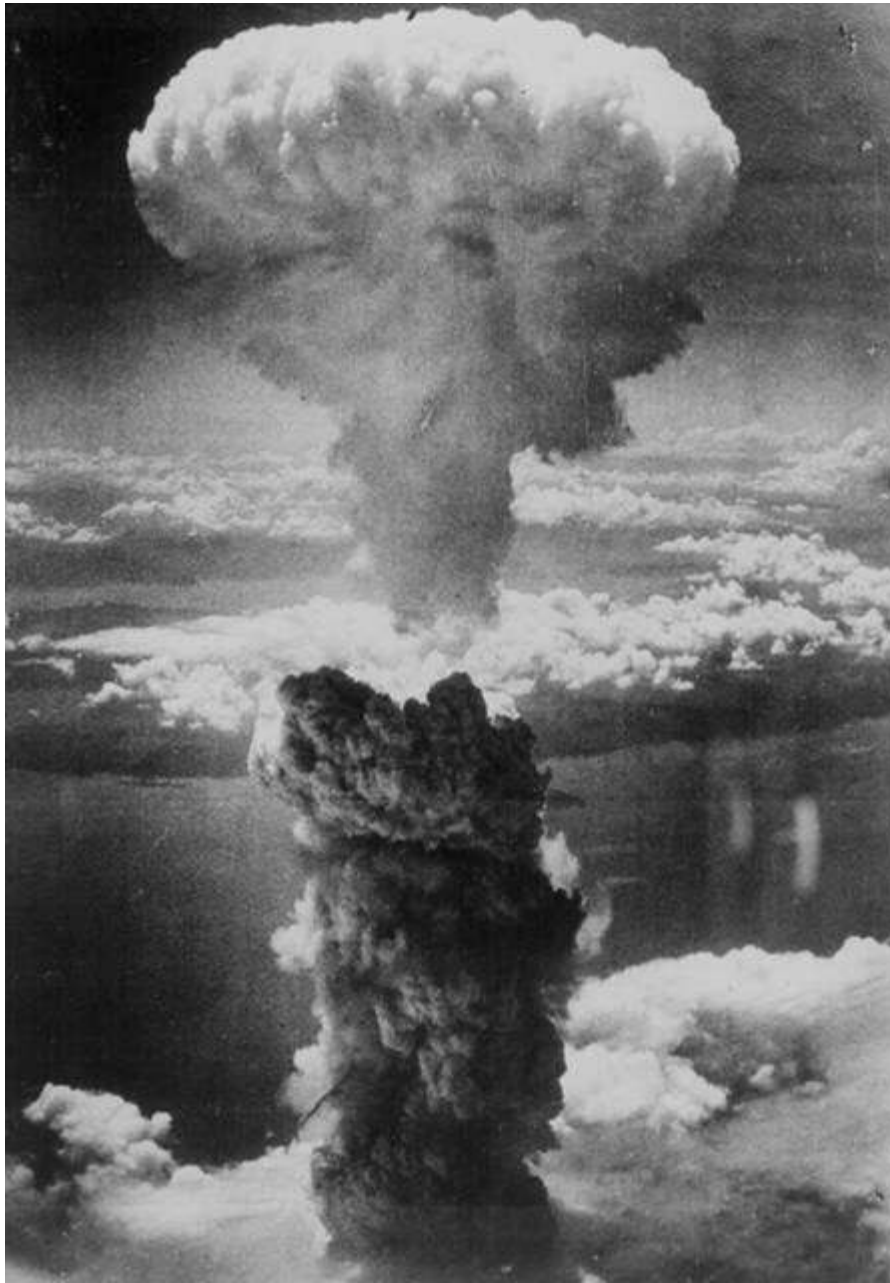
Japanese fighter planes bombed the American military base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in 1941.



# **U.S. and Japan Interaction During World War II**

**After Pearl Harbor, the U.S. declared war on Japan. After years of fighting, the U.S. dropped two atomic bombs on two Japanese cities.**





**Hiroshima before and after bombing on Aug 6, 1945**  
Images are from: <http://www.ibiblio.org/hyperwar/AAF/USSES/AtomicEffects>



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**World War II ended in 1945 with the surrender of Japan. Japan's economy and government were devastated.**





**In an effort to restore Japan to a thriving country, General Douglas MacArthur was sent as the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces to oversee the rebuilding of Japan.**

**Why would the Allied Forces want to rebuild Japan after their aggression during the war?**

# Rebuilding of Japan After World War II

**The United States occupied the territory from 1945-1952.**



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- **Japan's military was disbanded and weapons factories were closed**
- **Government and military leaders involved with bombings during the war were brought to trial and punished**

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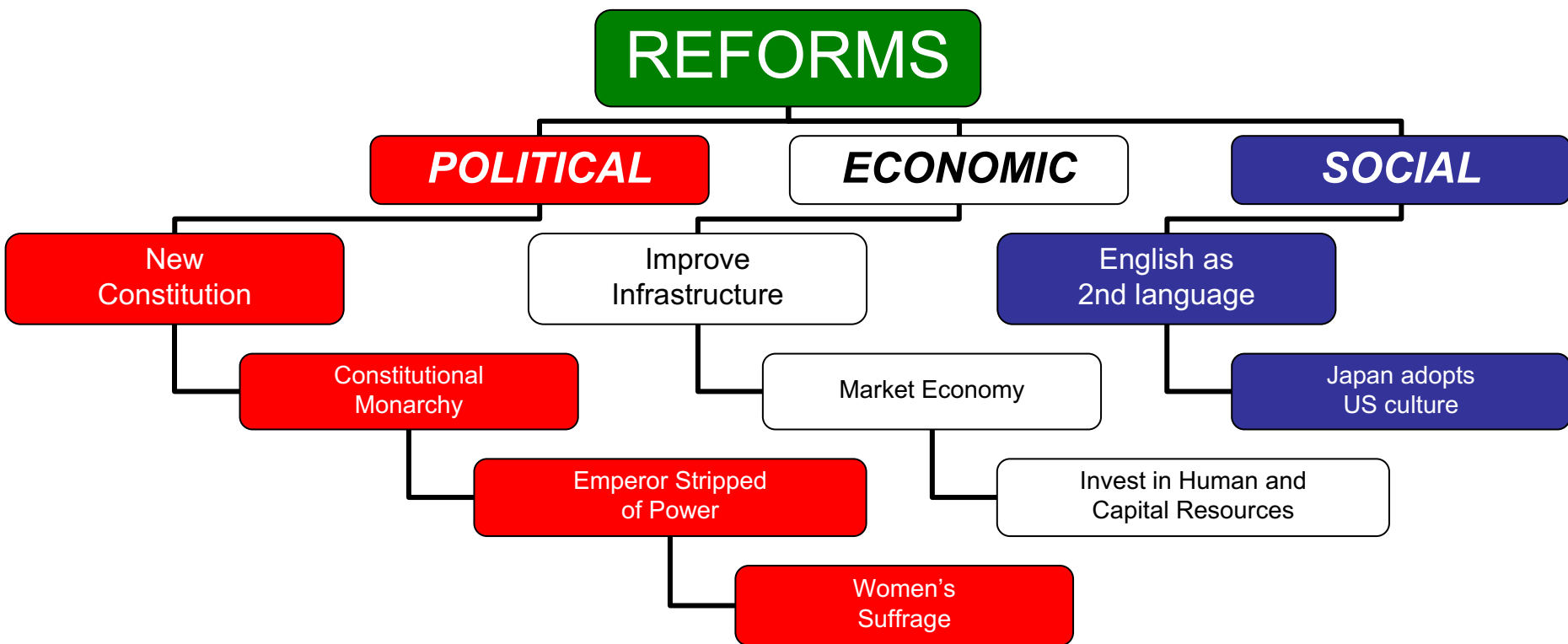
**General MacArthur helped Japan establish a constitutional monarchy and write a new constitution.**



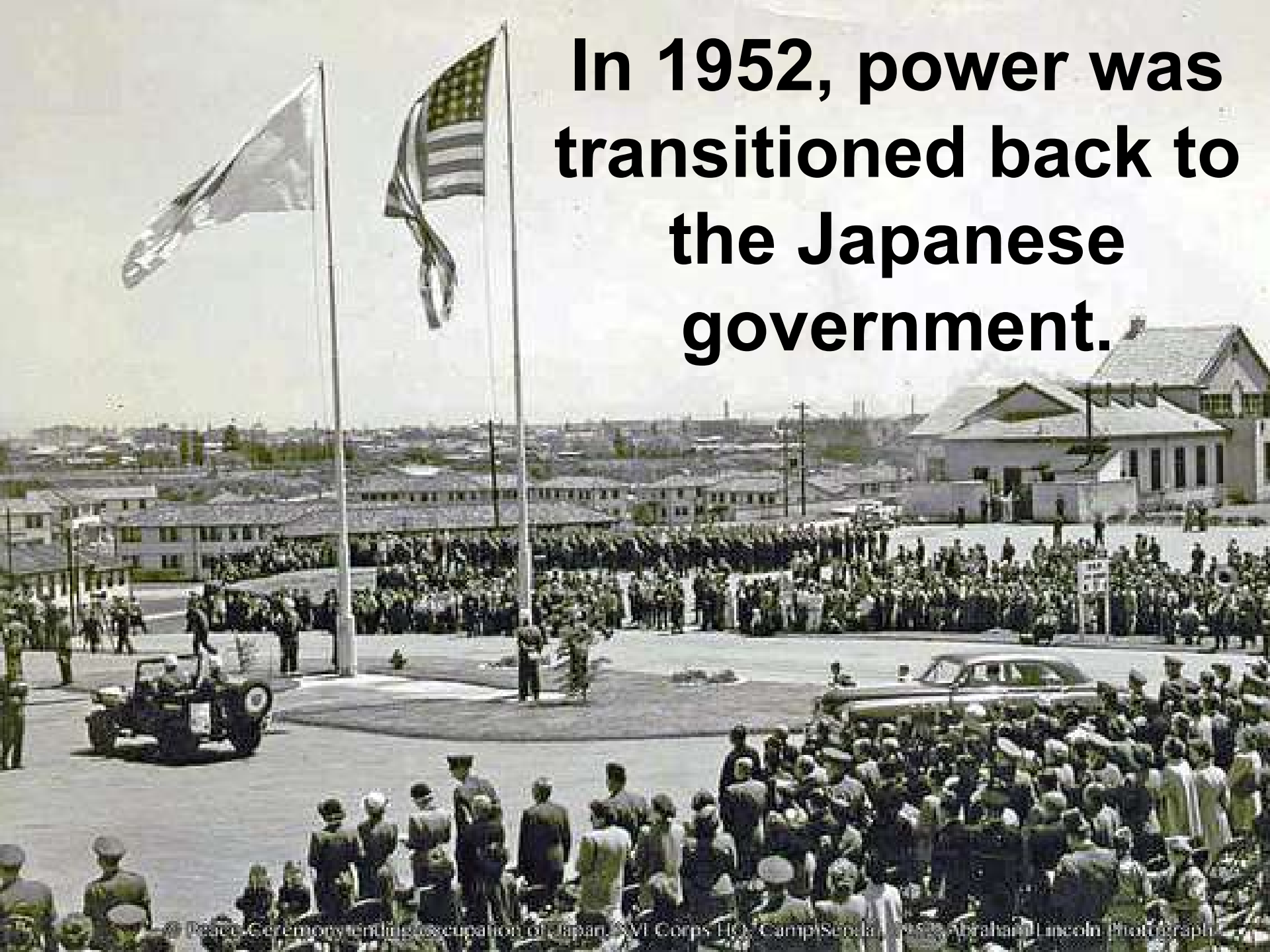
Photo # NH 84346 Gen. MacArthur arrives at Atsugi, Japan, 30 Aug. 1945

# Constitutions of Japan Analysis

# Reforms in Japan during Rebuilding



**In 1952, power was transitioned back to the Japanese government.**



# Reasons for U.S. Involvement

- Economic – The U.S. wanted Japan's economy to get stronger so that it could become a market for U.S. products
- Political – The U.S. wanted to stop the spread of communism in Asia (since China is so close) and promote democracy



**The United States' efforts  
to rebuild Japan after WWII  
were successful.**

**Japan now has one of the  
strongest economies in the  
world and a stable democratic  
government.**

# **Summarizer:**

**Describe the role of the United States in the rebuilding of Japan after WWII.**