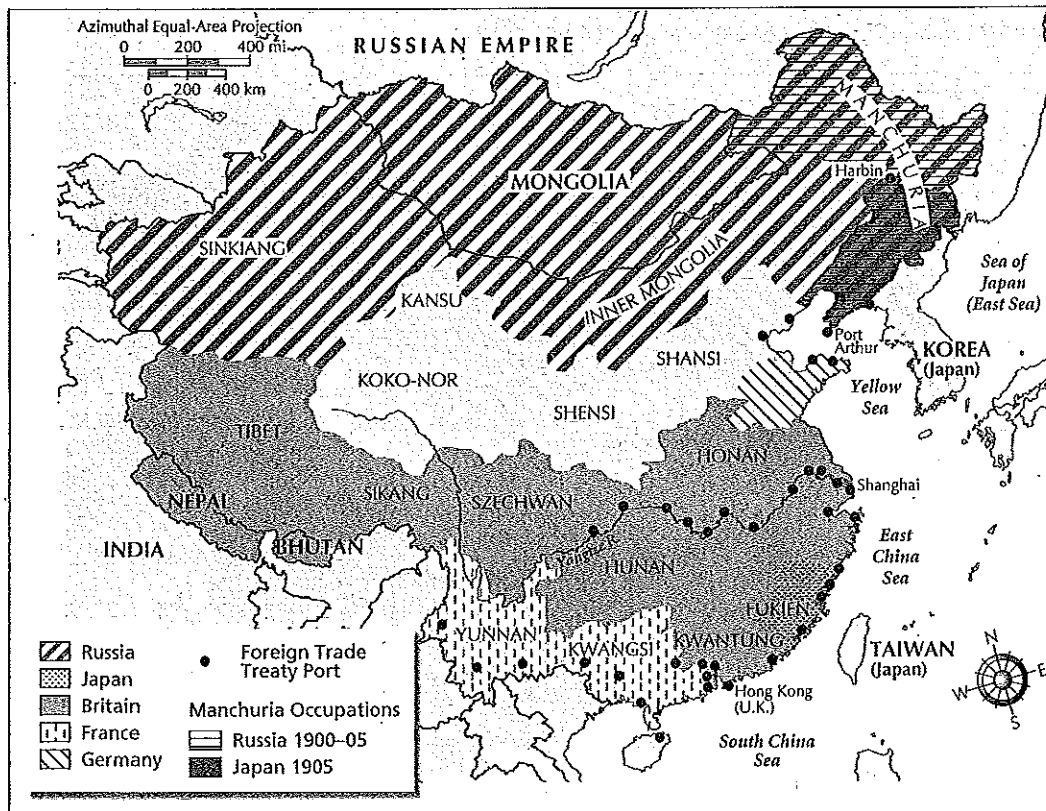


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**Geography and History**

**Spheres of Influence**

At the end of the nineteenth century, other countries profited by trading with China. Instead of competing against one another, each of these other nations operated in an area where it alone controlled trade. These areas were called spheres of influence, meaning areas in which other nations exercised influence in China. ♦ Study the map below, and then on a separate sheet of paper answer the questions that follow.



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**Questions to Think About**

1. Which European country had the smallest sphere of influence?
2. Which two European countries had the largest spheres of influence?
3. Which area of China did Russia occupy between 1900–1905?
4. **Draw Conclusions** Why do you think Britain held more coastal areas in China than Russia?