

# Ideas for Lauren Tarshis

## From the G5 Students at Hong Kong Academy

### HONG KONG

EVENT	DATE	COMMENTS
<p><b>The Battle of Hong Kong and Japanese Occupation of Hong Kong during World War II</b></p> <p>Source:  <a href="http://yp.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/article/105076/fall-hong-kong-75-years-japan-took-city">http://yp.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/article/105076/fall-hong-kong-75-years-japan-took-city</a></p>	<p>December 1941</p> <p>First day of the offensive: Dec 8</p> <p>Official surrender: Dec 25</p>	<p>The Japanese attacked Hong Kong in the morning of the same day as Pearl Harbour.</p> <p>18-day battle; around 1,500 allied forces died</p>
<p><b>Japanese occupation</b></p> <p>Check this out:</p> <p><a href="http://www.scmp.com/lifestyle/arts-culture/article/1754265/real-story-hong-kongs-place-second-world-war">http://www.scmp.com/lifestyle/arts-culture/article/1754265/real-story-hong-kongs-place-second-world-war</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/article/1849584/unsung-warriors-story-hong-kong-guerrilla-fighters-who-battled">http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/article/1849584/unsung-warriors-story-hong-kong-guerrilla-fighters-who-battled</a></p>	<p>Occupation lasted until Aug 30, 1945</p> <p>(3 years and 8 months)</p>	<p>A guerilla fighter brigade was set up in Sai Kung in the fight against the Japanese. Our school is in Sai Kung.</p>
<p><b>(Unnamed) Hong Kong typhoons</b></p> <p>Source:  <a href="https://www.timeout.com/hong-kong/things-to-do/hong-kongs-worst-typhoons">https://www.timeout.com/hong-kong/things-to-do/hong-kongs-worst-typhoons</a> )</p> <p>“On September 22 and 23, this typhoon made front-page headlines across the globe as more than 2,000 people were injured and many killed. It’s also recorded as the worst typhoon ever to hit Macau – killing 5,000 people. However, this was nothing compared to 1906...”</p>	<p>Sep 22 &amp; 23, 1874</p>	<p>Killed 2,000 people</p>
<p>“Though Hong Kong had bolstered its typhoon protection after the 1874 incident, a surprise typhoon on September 18 snuck up on the city, with almost no indication until it was just 15 minutes from land. Over the course of two hours the typhoon killed a staggering five percent of the population – around 10,000</p>	<p>Sep 18, 1906</p>	<p>Killed 10,000 people</p>

people. But there was even worse to come 30 years later..."		
"On September 2, the Great Hong Kong Typhoon smashed the territory, killing more than 11,000 people. Most of the damage was caused by an 18ft tidal wave that decimated almost all of Sha Tin and Tai Po. This remains the worst typhoon to ever hit Hong Kong and we hope the city never sees such devastation again."	1937, Sept	Killed 11,000 people
<p><b>Anglo-Chinese War (First Opium War)</b></p> <p>Source: World Book Online</p> <p>"During the 1800's, the United Kingdom sought to establish trade and diplomatic relations with the Chinese Empire. However, the Chinese government kept tight control over trade. British merchants had begun bringing opium into China, but the Chinese government outlawed the importation of the drug. Opium smuggling continued, however, and in 1839, the issue led to the First Anglo-Chinese War between China and the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom won the war and took control of the island of Hong Kong as part of the Treaty of Nanjing in 1842."</p>	1839-1842	Hong Kong Island ceded to Britain
<p><b>Shek Kip Mei Fire</b></p> <p>Source:  <a href="https://mmis.hkpl.gov.hk/shek-kip-mei-fire">https://mmis.hkpl.gov.hk/shek-kip-mei-fire</a></p>	Christmas Eve of 1953	<p>Made nearly 6,000 people homeless;</p> <p>Led to the building of the first public housing estate in Hong Kong</p>
<p><b>Sars epidemic</b></p> <p>Source:  <a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-21680682">http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-21680682</a></p>	<p>2003</p> <p>Feb 21 medical professor from Guangzhou brought virus to Hong Kong</p> <p>Seemingly out of control in March/April;</p> <p>June 11 last reported Sars case</p>	Infected 8,096 worldwide and killed 774 people

## OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

EVENT	DATE	COUNTRY
Bhopal disaster	1984, killed 15,000 people	India
Banqiao Dam (dam failure)	1993, appr. 171,000 deaths and 11,000,000 people displaced	China
Typhoon Bopha	December 2012, deadliest disaster, killed more than 1,000 people	Philippines
Tangshan earthquake	1976, 7.8 magnitude, between 242,769-700,000 casualties	China
China floods	1931, killing between 145,000-4,000,000	China
Gulf oil spill, Deepwater Horizon	2010	Gulf of Mexico
Yellow River Flood	1887, killing between 960,000-2,000,000 people	China
Mount Tambora, volcano eruption	1815, killing 92,000 people	Indonesia
Sinking of the Lusitania	May 7, 1915	Off the coast of Ireland
Sinking of the HMHS Brintannica	Nov 21, 1916	Aegean Sea
Sinking of the Vasa	1523	Sweden
Hurricane Irma	2017	Florida, Puerto Rico, Cuba and more
Hurricane Harvey	2017 killing 17,000 people	Texas, Honduras, Belize and more
The Black Death	1346-1353 killing between 75 and 200 million people	Europe
Bomb at Ariana Grande's Concert	22 May 2017	United Kingdom
Bomb attacks on three buses	Feb 25, 2007	Xinjiang, China
Bam, deadliest disaster	2003, killing 30,000 people	Iran
Spanish-American War	1898	Cuba, Puerto Rico, Philippines, Guam
Bombing of Nagasaki or Hiroshima	1945	Japan
Vietnam War	1955-1975	Vietnam
Battle of Ap Bac	January 2, 1963	Vietnam
Battle of Hamburger Hill	May 10-0, 1969	Vietnam

Dunkirk	May 1940	France
Typhoon Haiyan	Nov 2-11, 2013	Philippines, Vietnam, Hong Kong and more
Japanese invasion of Korea	1592-1598	Korea
Korean War	1950-53	Korean peninsula and more
Terrorist attack in Nice	July 14, 2016	France
Oakland Firestorm	1991	United States
China flooding	1998, resulted in more than 3,000 deaths and destroyed 6,000,000 houses	China
Avelanche in the Austrian alps (Tyrolian alps)	Dec 13, 1916, over 10,000 casulties	Austria/Italy
The Great Depression	1929-1939	Worldwide
WWI	1914-1918	Worldwide
Battle of Midway	June 4-7, 1942	Midway Atoll, United States