

Addicted to Pleasure: Opium

1. What are some of the derivative drugs of Opium?
2. What plant does Opium derive from?
3. Name at least 3 ancient and classical civilizations that used opium from the poppy flower.
4. When did China ban the sale, smoking of, and all trade of opium?
5. What was Britain “addicted” to? Who did they buy it from?
6. How much money did the British pay to the Chinese for tea? How much did they make in return?
7. What was the purpose of sending trade delegation to China in 1793?
8. What was the Chinese response to the British trade delegation?
9. What was the solution to try and keep Britain out of more debt from purchasing tea from China?
10. How were the British able to smuggle Opium into China?
11. What was the business of the company known as Jardine Matheson?
12. Who was the only company allowed to trade with China before 1833?
13. By 1836, what was the most widely traded product anywhere in the world?
14. How did the Chinese emperor respond to the growing illegal opium trade?
15. What fraction of the British income was made up by the tea and opium trade?
16. What was the British response in 1840 to the Emperor detaining British smugglers and destroying all their opium?
17. Why were the British able to win the Opium Wars so handily?
18. What did the Chinese lose in the Treaty of Nanjing and what did the British gain?

19. How does Opium affect one's brain?
20. How did the British consume opium differently than the Chinese?
21. What profession most commonly used opium in Britain?
22. Why was the invention of the hypodermic syringe significant to opium consumption?
23. Why were women more likely to inject opium rather than men?
24. What other ways was opium being "consumed" in Britain during the 1800's?
25. By what percent did opium imports in Britain grow between 1825 and 1850?
26. How does opium affect your brain's ability to feel natural rewards (happiness)?
27. What were some ailments that used to be treated with heroin (an opium derivative)?
28. Approximately how many Chinese people were smoking opium in the mid-19th century?
29. What were people doing to try and cure their addiction to opium? What was the problem with this method?
30. In what year did British opium trade with China stop?