



## China through Lallon's eyes

### 2009 Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad to China Curriculum Project

My curriculum project is an attempt to share with my audience the change I experienced regarding my perceptions of China as a result of the things I learned during the Fulbright-Hays seminar. It is not meant to be a scholarly project, but a project that will inform and, hopefully, enlighten my audience(s) to a greater understanding and appreciation of the Chinese people, their struggles and incredible history.

For me, the Century of Humiliation seemed to be one of the most important turning points in Chinese history, and one that has a critical impact on how the Chinese see themselves as a people and as a nation. It affects their foreign policy, their associations with other nations, and their friendships with foreigners. It has greatly impacted how the Chinese see themselves in the context of their history.

For this reason, my project goes into some detail regarding this period, although it is impossible to go into a lot of detail. There was simply too much happening over the century to put into a presentation that could be given in a timely manner. This PowerPoint will also serve as an introductory lecture for the course I will be teaching in the spring to adult students via Blackboard, The Chinese Century. It thus introduces the students to some of the content of the class, puts that content into context as to its impact on the Chinese character (as a nation and people) and gives the class a personal feel that I hope will engage them more fully.

I have fully enjoyed revisiting China while working on this project. As I leafed through my notes, I noted how many intriguing projects could be taken from this trip, but this is the one I chose. Thank you for this incredible opportunity.

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