

**Aim: How did the Opium Wars
impact China?**

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Medical, painkiller, sedative

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The British had been seeking for further trade with China. They were looking for a money making product to sell/trade.

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Chinese became addicted to opium, Chinese government was not content – led to a series of battles w the British navy called the "Opium War." by 1835, 12 million Chinese were addicted to opium.

“Opium War” reading

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2. Hurtful – innocent Chinese became addicted
The British wanted to “teach the Chinese a lesson.”
3. How did the Chinese gov't attempt to control the opium, problem in the early 1800's?
3. Chinese people and merchants required to sign a pledge not to sell or use opium.
4. How were the British able to defeat the Chinese in 1842?
4. Stronger naval fleet/military action