

Using the *Black Ships and Samurai* Web site to Elaborate the Story of Commodore Perry in Japan

Student Directions

Your teacher will assign you a section of the *Black Ships and Samurai* Web site Core Exhibit to study in detail. For whichever section of the Web site you are assigned, your task is to identify 10 specific examples of data in the exhibit that extend or elaborate the history of the Perry expedition that you read in the two textbook excerpts back in your classroom.

1. In the space below, describe the 10 examples you have found.
2. Make your own notes on how this additional information in the Core Exhibit changes the story of the Perry encounter with Japan that you understood from the textbook excerpts that you read.
3. What "voices" are added to the story of the first encounter between Japan and the United States through the Core Exhibit? That is, are there groups of people who are represented in the Core Exhibit that are not represented in the history textbook? If so, who are they and how does their participation change the history of this event, if at all?