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War Type		Description	Examples
<b>Wars of imperial rivalry</b>	International / Interethnic	Fought against another imperial power, usually in a territory where there are rival claims.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>First Sino-Japanese War</b> (1894-5)</li> <li>▪ <b>Russo-Japanese War</b> (1904-5)</li> <li>▪ <i>Pacific War</i> (1941-5, nationalist narrative of Asian liberation)</li> </ul>
<b>Wars of colonial conquest/expansion</b>		Wars fought overseas to gain control of new territory. Territories separated clearly by geography and culture from the home territory.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Korea invasions</i> (1592, 1597)</li> <li>▪ <b>Ryukyu Expedition</b> (1609)</li> <li>▪ <b>Manchurian Incident</b> (1931)</li> <li>▪ <i>Second Sino-Japanese War</i> (1937)</li> <li>▪ <i>Pacific War</i> (1941-5, progressive narrative of Asian invasion)</li> </ul>
<b>War by alliance</b>		When the primary reason for war is to fulfill the terms of an international alliance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Boxer Rebellion</b> (1900)</li> <li>▪ <b>World War I</b> (1914-18)</li> <li>▪ Siberian Intervention (1918-1922, result indecisive)</li> </ul>
<b>Defensive wars</b>		War to resist invasion by others of homeland territories and/or colonial possessions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Mongol Invasions</b> (1274, 1281)</li> <li>▪ <i>Pacific War Allied Counteroffensive</i> (1942-)</li> <li>▪ <i>Soviet Invasion</i> (1945)</li> </ul>
<b>Border clashes or wars of border expansion</b>	Domestic / Civil Wars	A war to assert control over adjacent land or to expand one's own territory.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Warring States Period battles (to 16<sup>th</sup> century, numerous)</li> <li>▪ Shakushain's War (1669)</li> <li>▪ <i>Nomonhan Incident</i> (1939)</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic power struggles</b>		A head-to-head between rival factions to determine who rules. Winner-takes-all civil war.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Genpei War (1180-5)</li> <li>▪ Kenmu Restoration and creation of Ashikaga Shogunate (1333-6)</li> <li>▪ Onin War (1467)</li> <li>▪ Battle of Sekigahara (1600)</li> <li>▪ Boshin War (1868-9)</li> </ul>
<b>Rebellions</b>		A (failed) uprising against the status quo.	<p>Countless incidents to the 1880s including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shimabara Rebellion (1637-8)</li> <li>▪ Satsuma Rebellion (1877)</li> <li>▪ Chichibu Incident (1884)</li> </ul>

Notes: Wars in **bold are international victories** for Japan. Wars in *italics are international defeats* for Japan. Wars in regular font are domestic wars, meaning that narratives vary according to the region of Japan.