Compare and contrast the ways in which imperial China and Japan responded to the challenges posed by the arrival of Western powers in the early to mid-nineteenth century.

Introduction

BP1: Threat to political power –
- Both lead to uprisings against leadership
  China: Taiping Rebellion wanting to overthrow Qing
  Japan: Satsuma and Choshu forces against Bakufu

Compare: Both had to engage in military battle to suppress the uprisings caused by challenges posed by arrival of western powers

Contrast:
  Japan it was a rebellion between the government, to domains fought against the Bakufu
  China it was government against the Taipings

Qing’s had a series of military successes due to the uniting of Han forces
Japan was divided.

Japan’s Tokugawa was overthrown, the Qing’s survived.

BP2: Economic Challenges
- Impact on currency caused by trade, resulting in unemployment, poverty and discontent.

Social Challenges