**Topic- THE BOXER REBELLION**

**Part A**. Read through source 2.1 and underline the key words

**Source 2.1** Extract from the memoirs of Wu Yung, a member of the official scholar class, describing some of the events in Beijing.

 The Court, realising that the boxers were unreasonable and cruel, sent out proclamations to the magistrates in the provinces to suppress them with vigour, but this was without effect. The bandits announced their decision to burn the legations. Then the Court sent messages to the representatives of the countries across the eastern and western seas to go back to their own countries… The foreign representatives went in a body to the Foreign Office to say farewell, and on the way the German Chief Secretary Von Ketteler was suddenly shot by a solider. This roused the legations. They accused the Ch’ing [Qing] dynasty of not meaning to protect them…

 When all this was done a memorandum was sent to the Foreign Office [by the foreign legations]… The tone of the letter was very strong and bold. It angered the Empress Dowager, and the princes and dukes near her said many words to increase her wrath. She changed her plans. She went to the temple of her ancestors and took an oath to give the order to fight. Then she recalled the proclamation suppressing the Boxers, and instructed the governors of the provinces to bring the Boxers together and give them money; and soldiers and Boxers together became the enemies of the foreigners.

Quote of Wu Yung transcribed by Liu K’un, translated and edited by Ida Pruitt, *The Fight of an Empress*, Yale University Press, New Haven, 1936, pp. 8-12, reproduced in C. Mackerras

 et al., *China in Revolution 1850-1976*, Longman Cheshire, Melbourne, 1993, p. 22.

**Part B.** Using source 2.1 and your own knowledge, pretend you are a member of the official scholar class. Write a letter to a relative describing some of the events that occurred in Beijing in the 1900s. Be sure to include historical facts in your account

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