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3. A Grand Game: Sino-American Relations in the 21st Century
4. This paper provides an overview and analysis of Sino-American relations, focusing primarily on the South China Sea and the implications of China's rise on both the region and US national security. International relations theory provides the framework for the analysis and multiple viewpoints are included. This paper draws attention to the importance of properly understanding China's ambitions in order to prevent a war in the Pacific. While not inevitable, the potential for conflict is addressed and likely scenarios are included. This paper concludes with a quick look at how the Trump administration's policies could affect the turbulent balance of power in Southeast and East Asia.