

Part 1: Japan Today and The Cardinal Anchor Facts

1. What is Japan's rank among industrial/trading nations? What is its rank as a military power? Why then is it *not* a cardinal culture in the world today? What is happening to Japan's population that shows that it is an *insular culture*?

2. Draw a diagram of the three periods of Japanese history. Label the segments, and label the diagram with the dates of the three cardinal anchor facts and the additional three major anchor facts of Japanese history.

Part 2: Isolated Japan

3. When does Japanese history begin, according to Japanese tradition? How is Japanese government connected to Japanese religion?

4. What three things did Japan accept from China? What could it *not* accept from Europeans?

5. How was Japan's isolation broken?

Part 3: Imperial Japan

6. How does it make sense that a country that wants to be isolated would build an empire?

7. Where did Japan begin building its empire? Who did it have to fight to win control of that county, and in what war?

Part 4: Post-Imperial Japan

8. What two Americans are most responsible for shaping Japan's *post-imperial* culture, and how?
