The Rise of Modern Japan—Tokugawa to Modern Japan

Use the following chapters/pages to learn of the rise of modern Japan. For the purposes of Japan, you only need to read the specified pages from each chapter. The assessment will be on only the items on these pages that deal with Japan.

Chapter 17—pgs. 493-502—Tokugawa Japan

Chapter 22—pgs. 651-662—Meiji Restoration

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Essential Questions—Be sure to answer each question in at least 1 complete paragraph each. Upload to turnitin.com

1. How did the society and economy of Japan change during the Tokugawa era, and how did Japanese culture reflect those changes?

2. Some historians have declared that during the Tokugawa era the Japanese government essentially sought to close the country to all forms of outside influence. Is that claim justified? Why?

3. To what degree was the Meiji Restoration a “revolution,” and to what extent did it succeed in transforming Japan?

4. How did Japan respond to Western pressures in the 19th century, and what implications did its response(s) have for its history?

5. How did Japan address the problems of nation building in the first decades of the 20th century, and why did democratic institutions not take hold more effectively?