Major Turning Points of Japanese History

1. 10,000 B.C.E. End of Last Ice Age --- Appearance of the Japanese Archipelago

2. 300 B.C.E.-300 C.E. Introduction of Rice Agriculture


4. 1185-1600 Samurai Rule
   Kamakura and Ashikaga Shogunates

5. 1600-1868 Tokugawa Period: Early Modern Developments

6. 1868-1912 Meiji Period and Modern Japan

7. 1945-present Americanization of Japan