

**A. Following Chronological Order** As you read about the modernization of Japan, answer the questions about the time line.

1853	Matthew Perry arrives in Tokyo harbor.	→	1. What was the American motive in sending the fleet?
1854	Japan signs the Treaty of Kanagawa.	↘	2. How did the United States benefit from the terms of the treaty?
1867	Mutsuhito establishes a new government.	↗	3. What steps did the Meiji take to modernize Japan?
			4. Why were both countries interested in Korea?
			5. How did the war begin?
1885	Japan and China pledge not to send armies into Korea.	↗	6. What consequences did the war have?
			7. What was the cause of this war?
1894	Sino-Japanese war begins.	↗	8. What were some consequences?
			9. How did the Japanese rule Korea?
1904	Russia and Japan go to war over Manchuria.	↗	
1910	Japan annexes Korea.	↗	

**B. Clarifying** On the back of this paper, write a brief paragraph explaining why the **Meiji era** is viewed as a period of “enlightened rule.”