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Commodore Matthew C. Perry This is who President Fillmore sent to deliver the letter in Tokyo Bay.

What did the letter say? The letter stated that the United States wanted to be allies with Japan, they wanted to trade, and they wanted protection for Americans when crossing the Pacific Ocean

Did Japan agree to the letter? Yes, they agreed simply because they knew if they didn't then American would take them to war and Japan would lose. So in 1854 Japan signed the treaty of Kanagawa which granted every request that the Americans had made. ("unequal treaties")

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End of Tokugawa After all the treaties Japan realized they were in a crisis. A civil war broke out and Emperor Meiji took power in January 1868

Meiji Restoration Returned authority to the Japanese Emperor. Determined to gain parity with foreign powers a conservative coalition of daimyo, imperial princes, court nobles, and samurai formed a new government. "rich country and strong army" created schools, and there was significant economic development.

Selective Westernization when creating the new country Japan used parts of Europe's tactics.

Sino-Japanese War in 1894 Japan China had a pissing contest when a rebellion broke out in Korea 1893. Meiji powers did not recognize Chinese power in Korea so they went to war in 1894. The Japanese had gotten ships from the British and they quickly destroyed the Chinese navy to gain control of the Yellow sea.

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What ended the Sino-Japanese war? Within a few months the war was over and a peace settlement was signed in April of 1895 making Korea dependent on Japan. They also gained the Taiwan, and Pescadores Islands and the Liaodong peninsula, which strengthened Japanese control in Asian waters. Japan gained unequal treaty rights in China.

Russo-Japanese War Because Russia and Japan wanted control of Liaodong peninsula, Korea, and Manchuria war broke out between Russia and Japan in the year 1904. Japanese forces overran Russian installations before reinforcements could arrive from Europe. Japanese navy destroyed the Russian Baltic fleet. In 1905 the war had ended

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What did Japan gain from the Russo-Japanese war? Japan won international recognition of its colonial authority over Korea, and the Liaodong peninsula. Russia ceded the southern half of Sakhalin island to Japan along with railroad and economic interest in southern Manchuria.

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