Part I: Introduction
Who was William Adams? Explain his role in Japanese history.

How did the Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu feel about Catholic missionaries? Why?

Part II: Lords and Vassals

How much power did the Daimyo have?

How did the Shogun Ieyasu keep the Daimyo under his control?

Describe the class system in Tokugawa Japan.

Describe the leadership style of Shogun Iemitsu, the grandson of Ieyasu.

What was the system of “alternate attendance”? How did it help the Shogun maintain his power over the daimyo?

What is the capital city of Edo called today? _______________________________________

Describe the life of the samurai in Edo under the reign of Iemitsu. How was it different from that of earlier samurai?
Part III: Disturbing Difficulties

Describe travel conditions on the Tokaido Road during the reign of Shogun Iemitsu. 

How were travel conditions for women different from those of men?

During the reign of Iemitsu, Japan was closed to missionaries. Were there still Christians in Japan? Who were they?

Describe the treatment of Christians in Tokugawa Japan under Iemitsu.

“Year by year the farmers grew more exhausted. How could they sustain life itself under those circumstances?” Explain the conditions that this Japanese writer is referring to.

What were some of the causes of the Shimabara Rebellion?

Why did Shogun Iemitsu decide to “close” Japan?

What steps did he take to do this?