APWH Chapter 27 Reading Guide Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Russia and Japan: Industrialization Outside the West

1. What do Russia and Japan have in common regarding their relations with the West? What other key developments allowed both societies to gain a relatively strong position? How did their trajectories differ?

*Russia’s Reforms and Industrial Advance*

1. Why did Russian rulers significantly restrict its imitation of Europe and invest more in its defenses?
2. How did leaders deal with political criticism, and what was its greater political impact?
3. What key goal continued to occupy Russia? How successful were they?
4. What prompted Russia to industrialize?
5. Why did Russia abolish serfdom?
6. List the spheres where reforms were implemented.
7. Why did the Russian state take such a large role in funding and directing the nation’s industrialization? What factors best explain why Russia achieved a high ranking among industrialized nations?

*Protest and Revolution in Russia*

1. What principles formed the basis of intelligentsia demands?
2. Describe the “vicious circle” linked to anarchists’ acts of terrorism.
3. Who adapted Marxism for Russia’s circumstances? What did his followers call themselves? Why were Russian workers more radical than their Western counterparts?
4. How did Russia’s citizens respond to Russia’s loss in the Russo-Japanese War?

*Japan: Transformation Without Revolution*

1. In what ways did Japan become more secular? What are terakoya, and how did they influence Japanese society intellectually?
2. How would nationalist studies schools influence Japanese society?
3. Describe the roles played by Matthew Perry and the civil war in convincing Japan to make reforms.
4. Which segments of Japanese society were most resistant to changes?
5. What name did the new government adopt? What does the name mean? What key political and social changes did it implement? What primary goals were these changes trying to achieve?
6. According to the “Thinking Historically” box on page 638, what characteristics allowed Japan to adapt more easily than China?

1. What role did the Japanese government play in industrialization?
2. How did Japan’s industrialization process fare compared to Russia? Compared to the West?
3. Identify the disciplines Japan’s universal education system emphasized and what this reveals about their society’s priorities.
4. What general Japanese social elements resembled the West’s, and what elements remained the same? In what ways were women’s situations similar in Japan and Russia?
5. What drove Japanese imperialism? Were they successful overall?
6. What traits did Japanese nationalism emphasize? What political movements did nationalism help Japan successfully avoid?