Japan and the Koreas

Location
Study the map on page 680 of the textbook.
1. Which bodies of water separate Korea from Japan?

2. At what approximate longitude is Japan’s capital city of Tokyo located?

3. What port city is near Tokyo?

Place
Study the maps on pages 639 and 641 of the textbook.
4. Compare the climate regions in Japan and South Korea.

5. Is there any region of tropical rain forest in North Korea? In Japan? In South Korea?

6. What are the ecosystems on the northernmost island of Japan?

Human-Environment Interaction
7. Study the population density map on page 643 of the textbook. Why is land very expensive in Japan?

Movement
8. Turn to the maps on pages 121 and 125 of The Nystrom Desk Atlas. A merchant vessel in Manila harbor takes on a cargo of coconuts for Fuzhou, China, and a shipment of wood veneer for Pusan, South Korea. What is the most direct route the ship can take to deliver its cargo?

Regions
Study the map of East Asia on page 125 of the Nystrom atlas.
9. What are the four main islands of Japan?

10. What is Japan’s largest island? What island is farthest south?