

# A Timeline of Japanese History

**250 B.C.**

*Yayoi Period*

*Rice was cultivated, and metalwork was introduced.*

**550 A.D.**

*Buddhism was introduced to Japan.*

**720 A.D.**

*The Seventeen Article Constitution was published.*

**1000 A.D.**

*"The Tale of Genji" was written by Lady Murasaki.*

**1867 A.D.**

*Feudal Japan ended, with the resignation of the last shogun: Tokugawa Yoshinobu, when he officially handed over his power over to the Emperor.*

**300 A.D.**

*Yamato Period:*

*Shinto was introduced.*

**604 A.D.**

*Prince Shotoku writes the Seventeen Article Constitution.*

**806 A.D.**

*The Japanese invented their own 'alphabet', called kana.*

**1185 A.D.**

*Feudal Japan started.*