Early Japan

Directions: Outlining. Reading the section and completing the outline below will help you learn more about early Japan. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. Japan is a chain of ______________ in the northern Pacific Ocean.
   A. Japan is mostly covered by ______________.
   B. Because only ______________ percent of Japan’s land can be farmed, ______________ is an important part of the Japanese diet.

II. The ______________ appeared in Japan around 300 B.C.
   A. They introduced ______________ to Japan by growing rice in ______________.
   B. They also made pottery with a(n) ______________.
   C. They may have learned these skills from the ______________ and ______________.
   D. They organized themselves in ______________, or groups of families related by blood or marriage.

III. The ______________ clan took over Japan, and ______________, the current emperor, is a descendant of that clan.

IV. A Yamato prince, ______________, wanted to create a strong government like the one in ______________.
   A. He created a(n) ______________, or a plan of government.
   B. He sent officials and students to China to study art, medicine, and ______________.
   C. He ordered ______________ temples and monasteries to be built.

V. Early Japanese believed that all natural things are alive including wind, mountains, and rivers. This belief is called ______________.
   A. To honor the spirits, they worshiped at ______________.
   B. These beliefs developed into the religion of ______________ that still exists today.