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Main Idea (Objective):



• Japan's civilian government and emperor came to be dominated by military rulers known as Shogun.

**Lecture Focus (Essential Question):** 









• Every leader promises certain things to the people in return for their support. In the United States, what promises do politicians make to win votes? Lets investigate how Japan's nobles increased their power by giving land in return for people's support.

• In 794 C.E., Emperor Kammu began constructing a new capital city called **Heian**.









• Heian remained the capital city for over 1,000 years and during those years the city had many different names including Miyako "The Capital", Saikyo "Western Capital" and Kyoto "Capital City", which remains the name of the modern city today.







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Like Nara, Heian was modeled around the Chinese city of Changan.



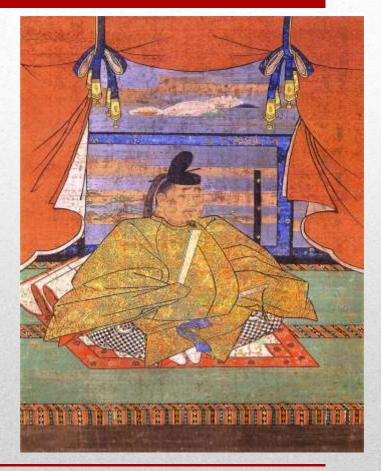
• Heian remained the offical capital of Japan until 1886.

• During the 800's B.C.E., the Japanese emperors power declined.



Any ideas on why this would happen?

- Basically after a long period of time in which Japan had strong emperors a number of weak emperors came to the throne.
- Many of these emperors were still only children and court officials known as Regents would govern for them until they came of age.



• It was common in medieval societies all over the world to use regents when a king or emperor was too young or even extremely sick to rule.





• When the emperors grew up or regained their health, regents were required to turn power over to them, however, in Japans case many regents refused to give up their power.

Most regents came from a clan called the Fujiwara Clan.

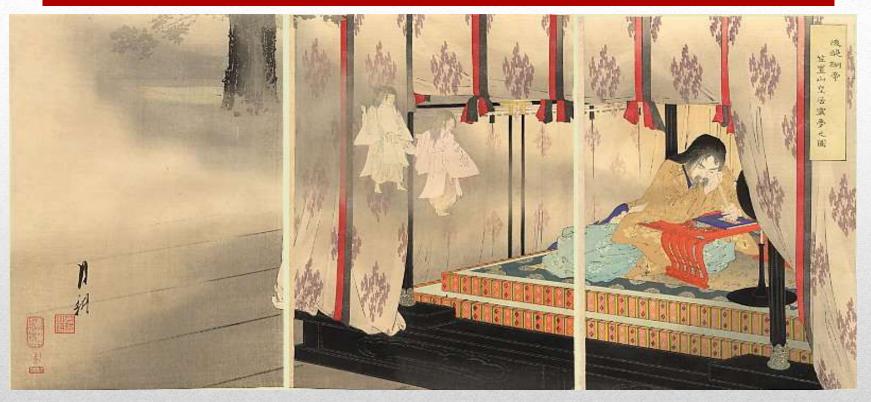






• Under the Fujiwara, Japan's emperors were honored, but they no longer held real power.

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• Instead of ruling, these emperors spent time studying Buddhism, scriptures, philosophy and writing poetry in their palace at Heian.

• As the Fujiwara Clan grew wealthy and powerful in Heian, other powerful nobles gained control of much of the land in provinces of Japan.







• This happened because the government gave the nobles lands as a way to pay them for their work.

• At the same time, new lands were settled as Japan's empire expanded.



• The nobles who settled farmers on these lands were allowed to keep the lands.

• To keep the nobles happy, the Japanese government let them stop paying taxes, but it put them in charge of governing the lands under their control.





• In order to govern their lands properly, the nobles began collecting more taxes from the peasants working their lands.

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  - Land!

• To protect their lands and enforce the law, nobles formed private armies.





To create their armies, they gave land to warriors who agreed to fight for them in times of need...these warriors became known as **Samurai**!

• In battle, Samurai fought on horseback with swords and bows.

• They were the strongest warriors to come out of any medieval culture.



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A samurai is instantly recognizable due to his distinctive armor and helmet.





• The Lamellar armor continues to represent the Samurai image today.

Samurai wore a special type of **Lamellar Armor**, which was pieces od steel scales that were cover in shellacked leather, bonded together with silk cords.

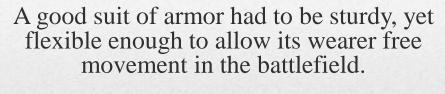


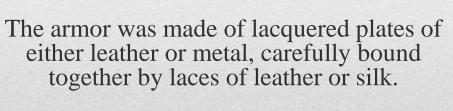


• The shellac was a slick varnish that would actually cause swords to bounce off the armor during combat.



The samurai armor, unlike the armor worn by European knights, was always designed for mobility.





The arms were protected by large, rectangular shoulder shields and light, armored sleeves.









- The strangest and most complex part of the armor, the kabuto helmet.
- Its bowl was made of riveted metal plates, while the face and brow were protected by a piece of armor that tied around behind the head and under the helmet.
- The most famous feature of the helmet was its Darth Vader like neck guard, which defended the wearer from arrows and swords coming from all angles.
- Many helmets also featured a mustached, demonic Mengu mask that both protected the face and frightened the enemy.

The word Samurai means "those who serve".





• The Samurai lived by a strict code of conduct called **Bushido**, or "way of the warrior".

• The Bushido Code demanded that a Samurai be loyal to his master as well as courageous, brave and honorable.





• Have you heard of any other codes that people live by that have similar outlooks?

- Samurai were not supposed to care for wealth, only honor.
- In fact they regarded merchants as lacking honor due to the fact that they sold what others made.



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- Pledged to these principles, a Samurai would rather die in battle than betray his lord.
- Being captured alive during battle was considered a disgrace within the Code of Bushido.

- Out of disregard for death, the Japanese tradition of **Seppuku** evolved...
- Defeated warriors and disgraced government officials would commit suicide by a ritual of disemboweling themselves with a short sword.
- This act would restore honor to their families.
  - Seppuku translates to "stomach-cutting"



• Ritualized seppuku involved the samurai wearing the proper garments while he was presented with the **ritual knife**, wrapped in paper.





• The samurai would then take the knife and cut open his own stomach, from left to right, with a final upward cut at the end.

• This sense of loyalty and spirit that set apart the Samurai from other warriors continued into modern times.



• During World War II, many Japanese soldiers fought to the death rather then accept defeat or capture.

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• Since that conflict, the Japanese have turned away from the military beliefs of the Samurai.

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The Way it Was: Focus on Samurai Everyday Life!



• The Path to becoming a Samurai was difficult and dangerous.

• Mothers in Samurai families began teaching their sons Bushido at a very young age, teaching their sons to place bravery, honor and loyalty above all else.





• Each young warrior knew and could recite from memory the brave feats of his samurai ancestors.

• For centuries, young Samurai lived apart from their families in the castle of their lord or in the barracks of their lords village.





• Beginning in the 1800's Samurai schools were built and boys lived there to continue the educations their mothers started when they were young.

• From the age of 10, they trained in the martial arts and studied other subjects, such as math and astronomy.





• By the time they reached the age of 16, these students were warriors of the Bushido Code.

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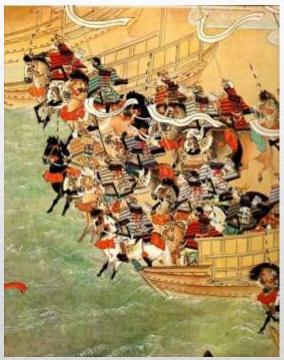
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• By the early 1100's C.E., the most powerful Japanese families had begun fighting each other using their Samurai armies.





They fought over land and power to gain control over the emperor and his government...in 1180 C.E., the war known as the **Gempei War** torn Japan in half.



• The Gempei War was a series of conflicts between Japan's most powerful clans, the Taira Clan and the Minamoto Clan during Japan's late-Heian period.



The Gempei Wars were the culmination of a decades long conflict between the Minamoto and Taira clans over dominance of the Imperial court, and therefore, control of Japan.

• This great Japanese civil war erupted from a dispute about succession to the throne in which the Minamoto and the Taira clans each supported a different candidate.





The ensuing **Battle of Uji**, fought just outside Kyoto, marked the start of a five year war that concluded with a decisive Minamoto victory in the naval **Battle of Dan-no-ura**, which occurred at the **Straits of Shimonoseki**.

• Many of the Taira warriors, as they saw the battle turn against them, threw themselves overboard, committing suicide rather than having to face defeat at the hands of the Minamoto



• The rest of the Taira clan would be hunted down and all but exterminated by the Minamoto in the months and years immediately following the war.



To this day, the Heike Crabs found in the Straits of Shimonoseki are considered by the Japanese to hold the spirits of the Taira warriors.

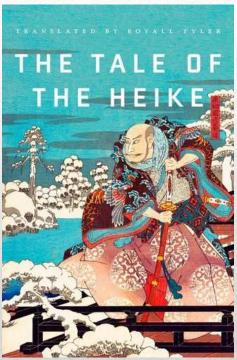






• The Gempei War had many rich dramatic elements such as the tragic personal lives of its key figures, the rapid downfall of the powerful Taira clan, and the cleverness and wisdom of the military strategists.





• All of these elements were depicted in great detail in folklore, plays, and literature, including *The Tale of the Heike*, which is considered to be one of the oldest books, which was compiled in 1240 C.E., from oral stories.



- The leader of the Minamoto Clan was a man named **Minamoto Yoritomo**. (In Japanese a person's family name comes first, followed by their personal name)
  - Yoritomo was the commander of the Minamoto armies and a brilliant military strategist.

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• After Yoritomo won the Gempei War, **Emperor Antoku** worried that the Minamoto Clan would try to replace the Yamato Clan as the rulers of Japan.





• Who was the first Japanese Emperor and what Family / Clan did he descend from?



- Emperor Antoku decided it would be better to reward Yoritomo to keep him loyal.
- In 1192 C.E., the emperor gave Yoritomo the title of **Shogun** or, commander of all of the emperors military forces.

This decision created two governments in Japan.





• The emperor stayed at his palace at Heian with his administration and was still considered the official head of the country, however, he had no real power.







**Imperials Throne** 

• Meanwhile the Shogun set up his own government at his new headquarters in **Karmakura**, a small seaside town on the east coast of Japan.









• This military government was known as the **Shogunate**.







• The Japanese government was run by a series of Shoguns for the next 675 years, most of which used Kamakura as their base of operations.

Yoritomo proved to be a ruthless ruler.



• He killed most of his relatives, fearing that they would try to take power from him.

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• Yoritomo and the Shoguns after him appointed high ranking Samurai to serve as advisors and to run provinces in Japan.



• Bound by an oath of loyalty, these Samurai Lords ruled Japan's villages, kept peace and gathered taxes...they eventually became the upper class in Japanese society.

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  - Kept peace, collected taxes and ruled Japanese villages

• The following passage describes the Samurai's Bushido Code.

"It is further good fortune if...a servant had wisdom and talent and can use them appropriately.

But even a person who is good for nothing will be a reliable servant if only he has the determination to think earnestly (**respect and admire**) of his master.

Having only wisdom and talent is the lowest tier of usefulness".

- Yamamoto Tsunetomo, *Hagakure: The Book of the Samurai* 



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• A Samurai's determination is so powerful that it can turn a Samurai, who is good for nothing into a strong, reliable servant!

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• In the late 1200's, the Kamakura Shogunate faced its greatest test.





• In 1274 and again in 1281, China's Mongol Emperor Kublai Khan send thousands of ships and hundreds of thousands of soldiers to invade Japan.

### **The Mongols Attack**

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• Both times, the Mongols were defeated because violent Pacific storms smashed their ships before they could make landfall.



The Mongol troops that did survive and make it to the mainland of Japan were quickly defeated by the superior Samurai strength.



 The victorious Japanese named these Pacific typhoons storms, Kamikaze, which means "Divine Wind", in honor of the spirits they believed had saved their islands.

• Much later in Japan, during World War II, Japanese pilots deliberately crashed their planes into enemy ships to cause severe damage.





• These suicide pilots were named Kamikaze Pilots after the Typhoons of the 1200's that helped stop the Mongol invasion.

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#### • Lecture Check:

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• Who was the first Shogun? What was their job? Why do you think he was important or unimportant?



• History Mystery Time: Samurai vs. Ninjas?

• Ninja – Warriors of low position whose families had no military rank.

(Ninjas served various Lords as Assassins or Spies)





- A Ninja or Shinobi was a covert agent or mercenary of feudal Japan specializing in unorthodox arts of war.
  - The functions of the ninja included espionage, sabotage, infiltration, and assassinations, as well as open combat in certain situations.
  - The Ninja, using covert methods of waging war, were contrasted with the Samurai, who had strict rules about honor and combat.

• It is difficult to pin down the emergence of the first **Shinobi**...after all, people around the world have always used spies and assassins.



• In Japanese folklore, it is said that ninjas descended from a half man half crow demon, commonly known as the **Karasu Tengu** "Crow Tengu" Tengu means "Heavenly Dog" though the Tengu are long nosed demons with bird like wings).







• However it seems more likely that the ninja slowly evolved as an opposing force to the Samurai in early feudal Japan.

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• Most sources indicate that the skills that became **Ninjutsu**, the ninja's art of stealth began to develop as an skill between 600-900 C.E.

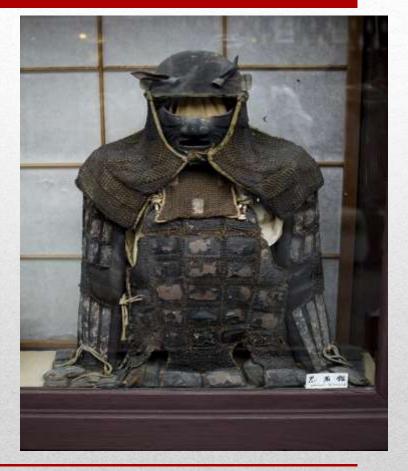






• For a century the blend of Chinese and native Japanese tactics that would become **Ninjutsu** developed as a counter-culture to the **Bushido Code**.

- Bushido was very noble, but it couldn't always get the job done.
  - That is where Ninjutsu came in...the ninja code valued accomplishing a mission by whatever means necessary...sneak attacks, poison, and spying were all shameful to the samurai, but fair play by the rules of the ninja.



- The Samurai lords could not always prevail in open warfare, because they were constrained by Bushido, so they often hired ninja to do their dirty work.
- Secrets could be spied out, opponents assassinated, or misinformation planted...without ruining a Samurai's honor.



• In modern movies, games and comic books, ninjas are portrayed in all-black clothing, with only their eyes showing.





• Actual ninjas wore navy blue for night operations...usually, however, they dressed to blend in with their targets...as any sensible espionage agent would do.







Ninja tools and weapons included: **Shinobigatana** (medium-length swords) **The Bo** and **Naginata** (war staves and pikes) and martial arts like **Karate** (Empty Hands).

• Ninja also developed special equipment like the **Shuko**, an iron hand-crampon used for climbing, and the **Tessen**, a sharpened metal fan.







• They did **not** use throwing stars.

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• Answer the following question in a well crafted 3-4 sentence open ended response.

• What were the key differences between **Ninjutsu** and **Bushido**? How did the two schools effect the relationships between Samurais and Ninjas?

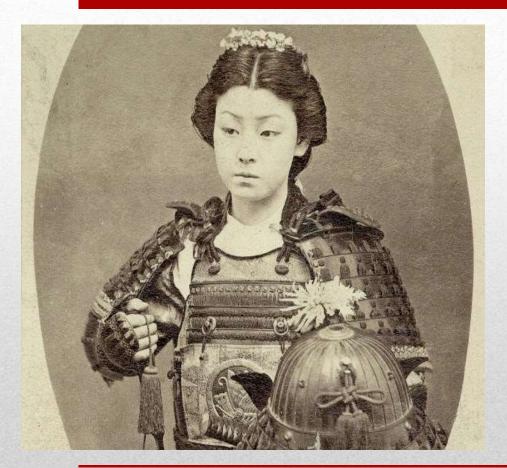


• History Mystery Time: The Culture of Bushido

- The culture of the samurai was grounded in the concept of **Bushido** "the way of the warrior".
- Strongly Confucian in nature, Bushido stressed concepts such as loyalty to one's master, self discipline and respectful, ethical behavior.







• While "Samurai" is a strictly masculine term, the Japanese Bushi class did feature women who received similar training in martial arts and strategy.

• These women were called "Onna-Bugeisha," and they were known to participate in combat along with their male counterparts.

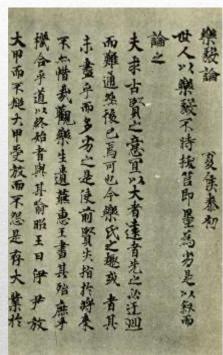






• Their weapon of choice was usually the Nagi-nata, a spear with a curved, sword-like blade that was versatile, yet relatively light.

• As the essential nobility of their era, members of the Samurai Class were far more than mere warriors, the majority of Samurai were very well educated.





• At a time when very few Europeans could read, the level of samurai literacy was extremely high.

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• Bushido dictated that a samurai strives to better himself in a multitude of ways, including those unrelated to combat, this is why the samurai class participated in a number of cultural and artistic endeavors.





• Poetry, rock gardens, monochrome ink paintings, and the tea ceremony were common aspects of samurai culture. They also studied subjects such as calligraphy, literature, and flower arranging.

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• How were Samurai women treated in comparison to women in other medieval cultures?