

Feudal Japan Introduction

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For long periods during the feudal period, Japan did not have much contact with other cultures. This was in stark contrast with its early years when Japan had encouraged the introduction of Chinese culture. But eventually it became difficult for foreigners to come to Japan (just like how Feudal Europe became isolated on the manors after the fall of Rome).

THE FEUDAL AGE (p. 185)

After the imperial government of Japan broke down after the Taira and Minamoto Clans started a civil war, local LORDS, who could raise and train armies of Samurai, became very powerful much like the Knights on the manors in Europe.

- Explain how these Japanese Lords supported themselves.
- These Lords also owned parcels of land similar to a Fief or Manor in Europe. What was this parcel of land in Japan called? _____

After the Civil War... Japan became completely Feudal.

- The winner (victor) of the Civil War was _____.
- He ruled Japan from the city _____.
- Yoritomo did not become Emperor of Japan. Instead he adopted the title of _____.
- What is a Shogunate? Explain.

- Yoritomo ruled Japan as a _____, and the important officials in his government were _____.
- The Government itself was called _____, which means _____.
- Feudal lords were called _____ and _____ owed allegiance to them.
- Yoritomo died when he _____ in the year _____.
- What family took over the Shogun when he died? _____
- Powerful lords fought one another and ruled their own _____ much the same as in Feudal Europe.

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"Origins of the Kamikaze"

1. Where did the term KAMIKAZE come from originally? Explain.

2. What happened in WWII to bring the term KAMIKAZE back? Explain.
3. Would you die for your country? Explain why or why not in two or three sentences.