

7.29 Trace the emergence of the Japanese nation during the Nara, 710-794, and the Heian periods, 794-1180

I. Background

A. The Yamato

1. During the 500s, a _____ called the Yamato ruled Japan
2. Yamato chiefs claimed they were descended from a _____ goddess
3. They had the _____ to rule Japan

B. Prince Shotoku

1. Around 600, he _____ Japan with his aunt
2. Wanted to give Japan a strong _____ government based on _____ ideas
3. Also worked to spread _____

II. The Nara Period

- A. In the early 700s, Japanese emperors built the first permanent _____ city called Nara
- B. Government officials were ranked into a _____
- C. Positions were given to _____ from powerful families
- D. Buddhist teachings reached Japan from _____ in 500s
- E. _____ was most highly developed during the Nara Period
- F. In 770, a Buddhist _____ tried to seize the throne, so the emperor moved the _____

III. The Heian Period

- A. In 794, the _____ of Japan moved the capital from Nara to Heian
- B. This city looked a lot like a major _____ city
- C. Heian Period became “_____”