

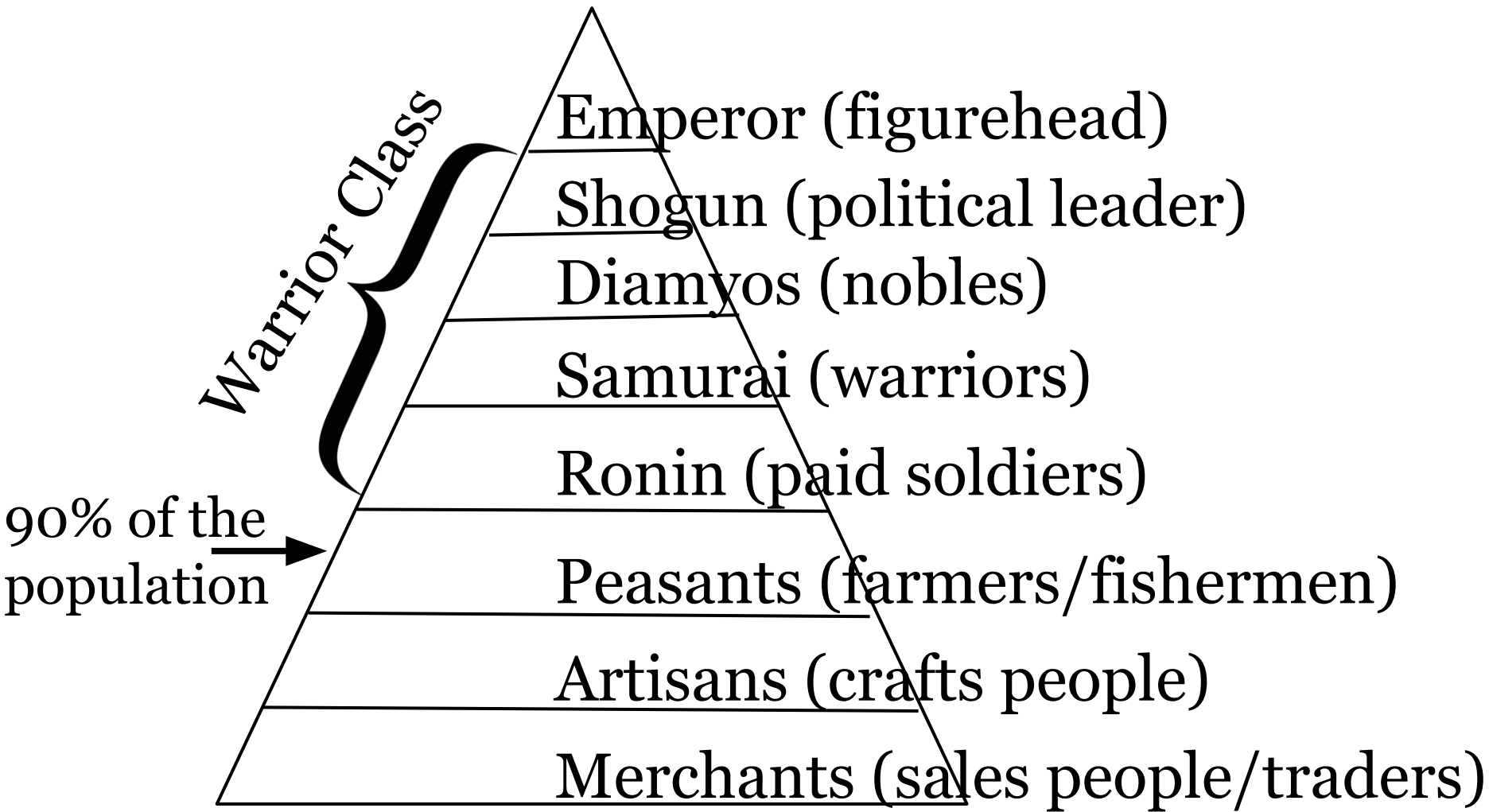
7.31 Analyze the rise of a military society in the late twelfth century and the role of the shogun and samurai in that society

The Emperor Loses Power

- By the 1100s, the emperor of Japan's power was greatly weakened by civil war.
- Noble families refused to pay taxes to the emperor.
- They grew rich and bought much land.
- Eventually, one noble family grew more powerful than any other.
- Noble families did not want to obey the emperor.
- They wanted power.

Feudalism

- A system of feudalism arose in Japan.
- In a feudal society, land is exchanged for military service.
- Japanese lords gave away some of their land to other people in exchange for loyalty and military service.



The Shogun

- The leader of Japan's most powerful family forced the emperor to appoint him shogun.
- The word “shogun” means “great general”
- For the next 700 years, powerful shoguns governed Japan.
- The shogun said he ruled in the emperor's name.
- In fact, the shogun was a military dictator who controlled Japan.



The Daimyo

- The daimyo were Japanese lords or nobles.
- The daimyo had to obey the shogun and provide military service.
- The daimyo controlled large estates. They were great landowners.
- They were the highest nobles next to the shogun.



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The Rise of the Samurai

- The need for the samurai came from the need of the daimyo to have protection for their land and property.
- The word samurai comes from the Japanese word for servant.
- Most samurai came from noble families and were required to be loyal to the emperor.
- Only the most powerful samurai received land for their service.

Becoming a Samurai

- Young men and even some young women trained to become samurai warriors
- Their training included learning the art of war and later the way of peace
- Training included strict demand of the martial arts

Becoming a Samurai

- Many developed great skill handling a sword but also proper way to conduct a tea ceremony and writing poetry
- Above all, trained to overcome fear of death
- Had to follow the Code of Bushido
- A samurai had to be loyal to his daimyo and show no emotion

