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Vocabulary

Clan: group of related family members

Hierarchy: system of organization where some people are ranked higher than others

Noble: belonging to a higher ruling class. Also called “aristocracy.”

Monk: a male member of a religious community

Zen: Japanese Buddhism focused on meditation

Shinto: Japanese religion that believes everything has a spirit

Vocabulary

Animism: belief that animals, plants, and other objects have spirits

Calligraphy: art of decorative handwriting

Feudalism: system of service between a lord and those loyal to that lord

Lord: someone with power and influence over another in the feudal system

Shogun: military governor who ruled Japan

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Daimyo: one of the great lords loyal to the Shogun

Samurai: Japanese warrior loyal to a daimyo

Ronin: paid soldier who had no lord or master

Peasant: a farmer with low social status

Artisan: someone who makes things by hand

Bushido: Samurai code of honor and morality