

Feudal Japan

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CHAPTER 1: The Rise of an Empire



In about 400 CE, the Yamato became the strongest clan in Japan.

Big Question: How did China and Korea influence the development of Japanese culture?

CHAPTER 2: Religion in Japan



In the 500s CE, Buddhism spread to Japan from other Asian countries.

Big Question: What are the basic teachings of the Shinto and Buddhist religions?

CHAPTER 3: Japanese Feudalism



By 800 CE, Japanese rulers, such as Emperor Kanmu, had become richer, but more isolated within the palace walls.

Big Question: In what ways was a shogun more powerful than an emperor?

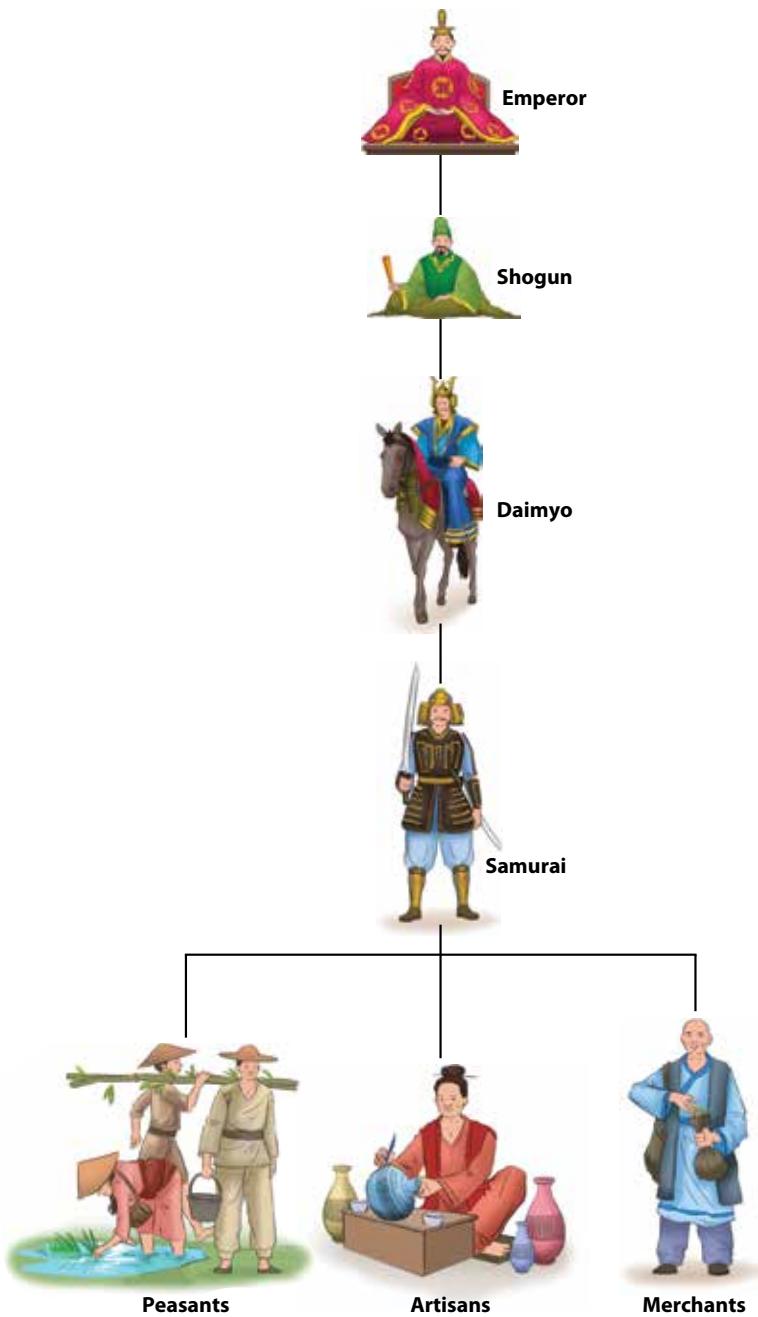
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In 1192 CE, the emperor declared Yoritomo supreme warrior, or shogun.

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CHAPTER 3: Japanese Feudalism



Japan developed a feudal system with a specific order of social classes.

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CHAPTER 4: Everyday Life and Arts



Peasants and townspeople enjoyed Kabuki plays.

Big Question: How did daily life differ based on people's place in society?

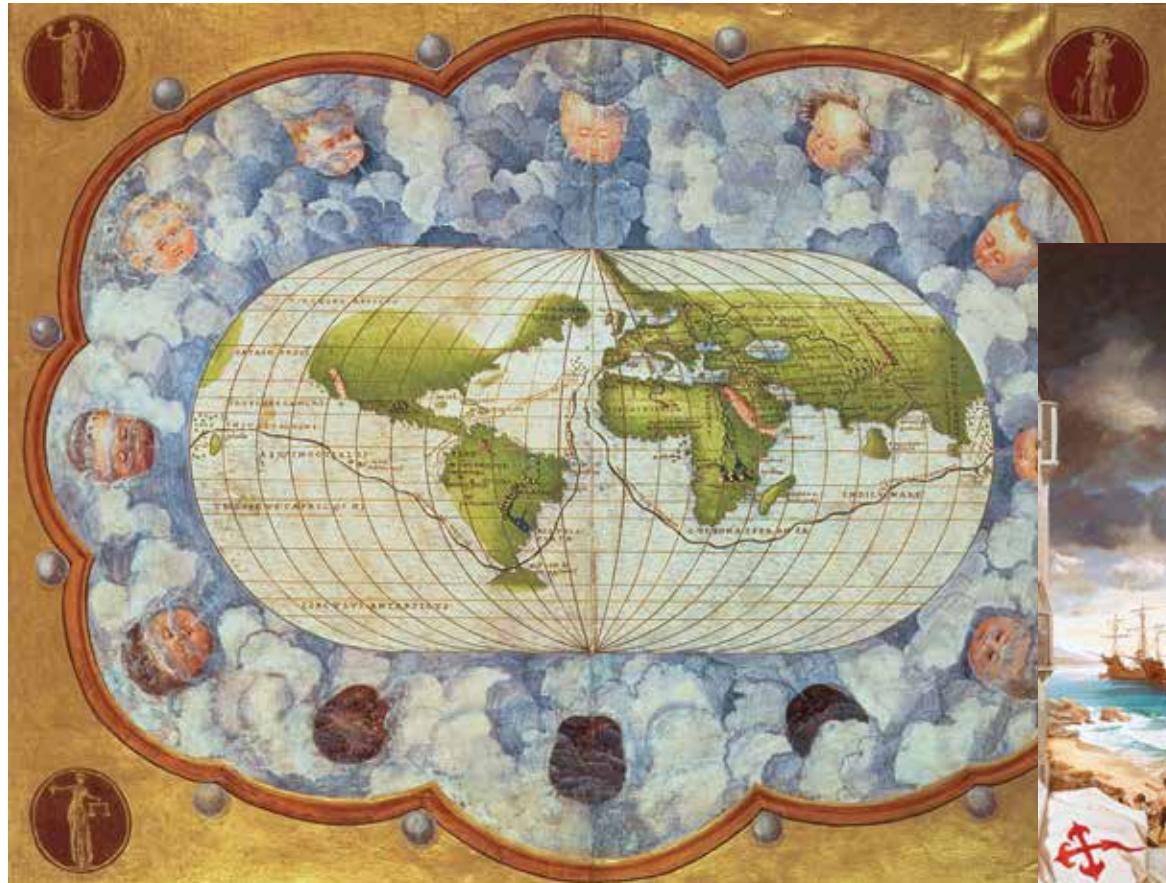
CHAPTER 5: Changes Come to Japan



From 1268 to 1281 CE, Kublai Khan attempted to make Japan part of the Mongol Empire.

Big Question: How did foreign trade bring about the end of the shogun era?

CHAPTER 5: Changes Come to Japan



In 1522 CE, Magellan's crew became the first Europeans to circumnavigate the globe.



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CHAPTER 5: Changes Come to Japan



European traders and missionaries brought new weapons and ideas to Japan.

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In 1853 CE, Commodore Matthew Perry opened trade between the United States and Japan.

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Japan's last shogun was removed from power in 1867 CE.

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