

Early Japanese History

1. Read pg. 303 to pg. 307 in your textbook and answer the following questions in your notebook:
 - A. What was Japanese society like in the 4c?
 - B. Fill in the **chart on Shintoism [20 points]** neatly and completely!
 - C. Explain the mythological origins of Japan. How did the **Yamato** clan get the title emperors of Japan?
 - D. How did Chinese culture spread to Japan?
 - E. Which clan held the political power during the **Heian** period? Make a LIST of the characteristics of court society during this time.
 - F. Why did the Heian period come to an end?
 - G. Why did **feudalism** develop by the early 1100s in Japan?
 - H. Identify the major characteristics of feudal society. Define the terms **samurai, daimyo, Bushido**.
 - I. Who was the real power in Japanese feudal society? How did they rule?
 - J. What advantages were there to preserving the imperial dynasty, even if it lacked real power?

2. Read from pg. 474 to pg. 477 in your textbook and answer the following questions in your notebook:
 - A. What was life like in Japan during the "**Warring States**" period?
 - B. How did the new Japanese feudal system closely resemble European feudalism?
 - C. Briefly summarize how the three powerful daimyo succeeded in unifying feudal Japan.
 - D. What was the "alternate attendance policy" practiced by the **Tokugawa Shogun Ieyasu**? How did it restrict and control the power of the daimyo?
 - E. Describe Japanese society and culture during the Tokugawa Shogunate, especially the new drama, literature, and art found in Japanese cities.
 - F. Why did Europeans want to open up trade with Japan?
 - G. How did the Japanese initially react to contact with the Europeans? How and why did their initial policies change?
 - H. Why did the Tokugawa Shogun, Ieyasu, persecute Japanese Christians?