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World Studies for Georgia Students-Grade 7

Chapter 15: Japan – Section 2: A Brief History of Japan

Guided Notes

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. About 660 BC, a member of the Yamato clan, Jimmu, united the clans and became the first _____.
2. The _____ were hired to protect the lords in much the same way medieval knights in Europe protected their lords.
3. By the 1200s there were powerful samurai called _____ ruling Japan.
4. In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry of the US Navy forced Japan to enter into _____ with the United States and demanded a treaty permitting trade and the opening of Japanese _____ to US merchant ships.
5. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Japan became a _____ power that was able to defeat the forces of both China and Russia.
6. In 1931 and 1932, Japan occupied _____, and in 1937 it launched a full-scale invasion of _____.
7. In May of 1945, the war in Europe ended, which left America and its allies to focus on the war in the Pacific against _____.
8. On August 6, 1945, the first _____ bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, killing over 150,000 people.
9. On August 15, 1945, Japan announced its _____. The formal peace treaty was signed on September 2, 1945, officially _____ World War II.
10. At Japan's surrender in September 1945, the country had been reduced to _____.
11. General MacArthur wanted Japan to have a _____ government, but he also understood the important place the Japanese emperor occupied in Japanese _____.
12. After its defeat in World War II, Japan recovered to become an _____ power and an ally of the United States.
13. While the emperor retains his throne as a symbol of national unity, _____ politicians hold actual decision-making power.
14. One clause in its constitution prevents Japan from _____ war.