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Japanese Government and Economic System

American Occupation of Japan

- ✦ After WWII U.S. occupies Japan until 1952.
- ✦ Main goal was to destroy Militarism (policy of strengthening of armed forces) in Japan.
- ✦ Also helped Japan rebuild into a world industrial power.
- ✦ Helped set up a democratic government.

Japan's New Government

- ✦ Japan set up a constitutional monarchy with several political parties.
- ✦ The emperor remains as a symbol but has no real political power.
- ✦ The real power is in the hands of the Diet, an elected legislature.

Japanese Constitution (1947)

- ✦ **New Rights:**
 - 1) Freedom of Speech, Religion, & press.
 - 2) Women received equality & right to vote.
 - 3) Equal Education
- ✦ **Forbidden:**
 - 1) To wage War
 - 2) Maintain Military Forces

Japanese Economy

- ✦ Used to be based solely on fishing & agriculture.
- ✦ Today less than 10% comes from agriculture.
- ✦ Industries have taken over.
- ✦ Japan still has the worlds' largest fishing industry.

Japanese Industries

- ✦ Automobiles
- ✦ Technologies
- ✦ Rely on imports for resources needed such as oil.

Japanese Work Ethic

- ✦ Hardworking and respect employers.
- ✦ Many work for large companies.
- ✦ Employers offer job security and other benefits.

Japanese Yen

- ✦ Unit of currency (money).
- ✦ Exchange Value: \$1 U.S.D.= _____ Yen
Formula: $\frac{1 \text{ U.S.D.}}{\text{Yen}} = \frac{\text{Amount of dollars}}{\text{Amount of Yen}}$