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## Japan Study Guide

Define the following:

1. Archipelago - Chain of islands
2. Tatami mat - Floor covering used in Japanese homes (straw/reed)
3. Feudalism - Form of government where the local lord ruled the land
4. Figurehead - Someone who holds power in title alone
5. Emperor - head of the Feudalistic Society but with no real power.
6. Shogun - (Army General) Japanese warrior who has the most power
7. Militarism - glorification of military & readiness for war
8. Samurai - Warrior knight
9. Homogeneous - Same language, culture, & religion
10. Selective Borrowing - To use some of another country's ideas & customs.
11. Intensive Cultivation - using every piece of available land for farming
12. Isolationist Policy - when Japan closed its ports for 200 years
13. Romanji - Japanese language using Roman letters

List the 4 main islands of Japan:

1. Kyushu
2. Shikoku
3. Honshu
4. Hokkaido

Why is Japan said to be located the ring of fire?

Earthquakes, Typhoons  
& Active Volcanoes

Why is fish a daily source of food in Japan?

Islands - surrounded by water

How did Japanese culture develop?

They adapted some of China's culture  
as their own (selective Borrowing)

What is Japan's currency called?

Yen

Where do most people live in Japan and WHY?

Coast - Mountains are too harsh to  
live in

Who had the most power in feudalistic Japan?

Shogun

Who first spread the culture & religion of China to Japan?

Missionaries

Why did Commodore Matthew Perry visit Japan?

To help influence Japan to open its ports to the world.

List 3 examples of Japanese pop-culture:

J-pop    Manga    JRock  
Anime    Visual Kei

Describe Kabuki theater:

- Actors are all males
- Paint their face
- fast paced

Noh Theater:

- Actors are all males
- slow paced
- wear wooden masks

Describe Japanese dining customs:

- Sit or kneel on Tatami Mats at low tables
- use chopsticks
- appearance is important

Describe Japanese schools:

- After school clubs
  - 3-4 hours of homework
  - Typical subjects + English
- \* Sometimes have school on Saturdays

Describe Japanese art:

Common theme is nature

List 3 Japanese holidays:

1. Osho Gatsu
2. Kodomo No Hi
3. Tanabata