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Japanese History

300 B.C. Early History

- First inhabitants came from central Asia.
- Missionaries introduced Chinese beliefs.
 - Shintoism- worship the spirits of nature, animals, & ancestors.
 - Buddhism- search for Enlightenment (peace w/universe).
 - Confucianism- respect for elders, ancestors, & rulers.

Learning from the Chinese

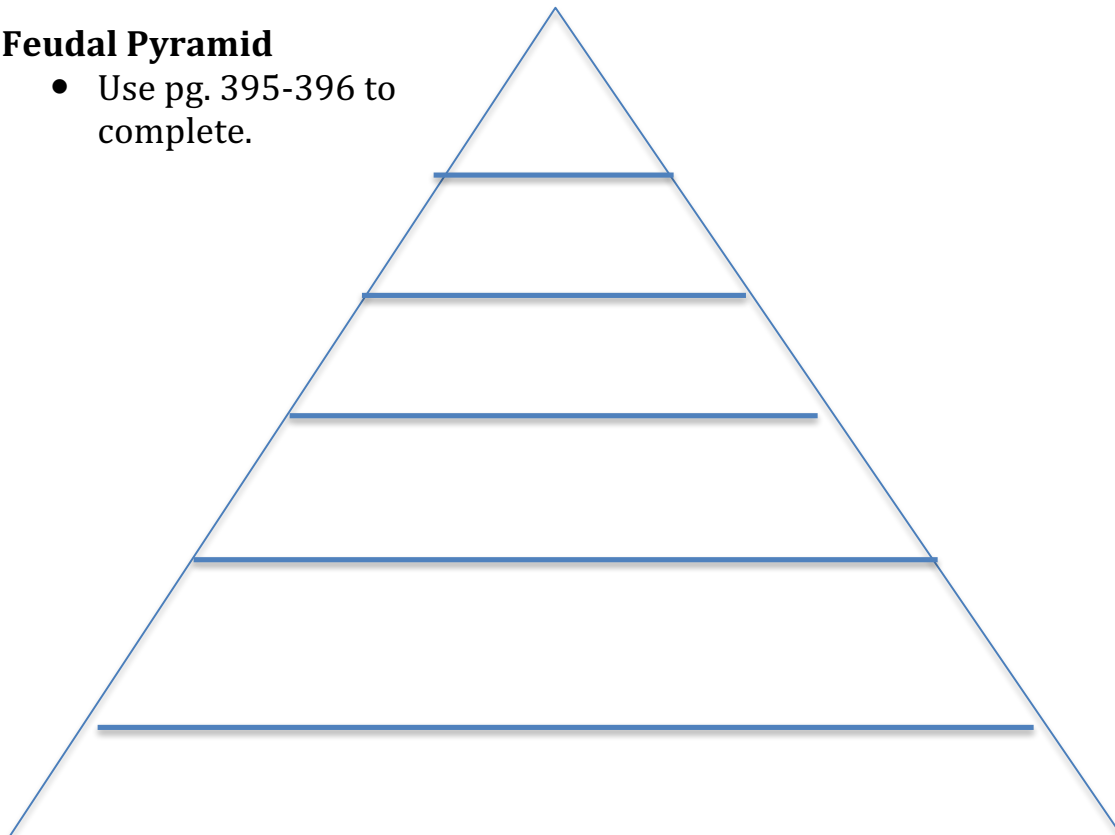
- Japanese adopted many cultural elements from the Chinese (use pg. 393 to list them in notes)

700 A.D. Feudal Japan

- Japan develops a Feudal system-local lords ruled the land but were bound by loyalty to the emperor.
- Samurai Warriors served the lords & the Shogun.

Feudal Pyramid

- Use pg. 395-396 to complete.



1500-1800 Isolation

- Japan follows Isolationist policy because they feared European ideas would challenge Japanese society
- The isolation policy was a period of time where Japan closed its doors to international trade and travel.
- A negative effect the policy had on Japan was that they fell behind the rest of the world in modernization and technology.

1853-1900 Changes to Isolation

- U.S. Commodore Matthew Perry arrives to ask Japanese to open their doors to trade with the U.S.
- Japan unhappily agrees because they feared retaliation by the U.S.
- By the 1900s Japan begins to modernize, increase technology and expand empire.

1939-1945 Japan in WWII

- 1939 Japan allies with Germany
- 1941 Japan bombs Pearl Harbor because the U.S. had cut off their exports during the war
- As a result the U.S. joins WWII

1945-1952 End of WWII

- 1945 U.S. drops two atomic bombs on Japan when they refused to Surrender (Hiroshima and Nagasaki)
- The U.S. military stays in Japan to occupy Japan until 1952