

1. What was demanded of a Samurai if defeated in battle or disgraced by some other failure?
2. Define and describe the non-gory terms the tradition of Seppuku or hari-kari.
3. What does the term "Samurai" mean?
4. What was the primary duty of the samurai in the 8th and 9th century?
5. Describe the importance of the following to the Samurai:

Severed heads:

Swords:
6. How many layers might a Samurai sword contain?

7. What religion did many Samurai practice? How was this in conflict with the fact that they often killed other people?

8. Name the 2-3 "fine arts" practiced by the Samurai.

9. What did the Portuguese bring to Japan?

10. How long was Japan sealed to visits from other people?

11. Did Japan engage in warfare during those 250 years?

12. What does Bushido mean?

13. What happened in 1853? What did these visitors demand?