Origins of Japan and the Samurai

1. A mythical story is told about the beginnings of Japan.
	1. Long ago the islands of Japan did not even exist, only ocean.
	2. A god and goddess looked down from the heavens above and saw a long, colorful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ streaking over the ocean.
	3. The rainbow formed a splendid ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the god and goddess decided to walk across it. Pausing in the center of this stretch of color, the god lowered his jeweled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the ocean*.*
	4. He swirled the spear around and around and lifted it from the water.
	5. Tiny water ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fell from the tip of the spear, and as they hit the ocean, they turned into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	6. The god and goddess descended to their newly created land where the goddess gave birth to Amaterasu, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Her great, great grandson is thought to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, founder of Japan’s royal family.
	7. Every ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Japan, from Jimmu’s time to present day, have been directly related to Jimmu and therefore, a descendant of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Three Treasures
	1. Jimmu carried with him the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_he needed to verify his divine ancestry:
	2. Three treasures, handed down by the gods, were always to be kept in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Japan’s emperors.
	3. With this evidence, no one could doubt that Japan’s emperors were related to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	4. The first treasure was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that belonged to the sun goddess, representing the emperor’s relation with the gods.
	5. The next treasure was a special \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, representing the emperor’s strength.
	6. The third treasure was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, said to actually have been taken from the steps of heaven, representing the great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the emperor possesses.
3. A Lasting Heritage
	1. Jimmu was most likely a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ person. The mythical beginning of Japan is a story still enjoyed by the Japanese, though the actual relation of the emperor to the gods was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the emperor of Japan, Hirohito, after WWII*.*
	2. Emperor Hirohito’s heritage can, however, be traced directly back to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the first emperor of Japan. Emperor Hirohito died in 1989, and today his son is the emperor of Japan.
4. Feudal Hierarchy in Medieval Japan
	1. **Shogun:** **“­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”:** military leader who ruled under emperor & hired daimyo to run his farms.
	2. **Daimyo:** **“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”:** nobles (lords) who supported the Shogun by owning and caring for large farming estates & hired samurai to protect farms.
	3. **Samurai: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”;** armored and mounted warriors who fought to the death to protect their lord (daimyo) and his farm.
5. SAMURAI CODE
	1. To live and die **­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
	2. To always be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
6. BUSHIDO
	1. **“­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”**
	2. The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to military life
	3. Influenced by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
	4. Required to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to protect his lord
	5. Followed **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Courage, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ honor, kindness, etc.
7. TRAINING
	1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to die in battle.
	2. You must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a Samurai
	3. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:** taught to shoot bow & arrow and ride a horse.
	4. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:** long fasts, barefoot hike in snow, practiced with wooden sword, studied martial arts
8. WEAPONS
	1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**
		1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for ritual suicide or defeat of opponent.
		2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**“the soul of the samurai” – craftsmen had supernatural powers – made of hard steel – could cut a man in two.
	2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_& \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
9. HONORABLE DEATH
	1. A **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in battle was the samurai’s most honorable goal.
	2. If samurai **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** or were captured, he was humiliated and would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hari kiri).
	3. Before killing a defeated opponent, a samurai would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him on his bravery and then kill him with shorter blade.