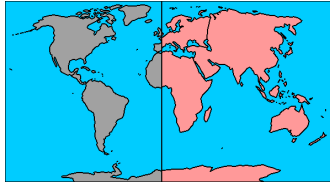


Eastern Hemisphere Vocabulary



Key Terms:

Cultural Diffusion: The spread of ideas and culture from one area of the world to another

Archipelago: A chain of islands

Typhoon: A strong tropical storm

Shintoism: Religion based on nature and ancestral worship unique to Japan

Pagoda: Type of architecture associated with Buddhism

Tsunami: A large wave

Animism: The belief that spirits inhabit everything

Torii: Entrance to a Shinto shrine

Bushido: Code of behavior followed by Samurai; means “way of the warrior”

Terrace Farming: A farming technique that involves cutting step-like ridges into the sides of mountains

Important People:

Lady Murasaki-Shikibu: Author of the first novel, *Tale of Genji*

Kami: Clan gods

Yamato Clan: Ruled Honshu for 1000 years; claimed to be descendants of the sun goddess

Fujiwara: Noble family that ruled Japan

Amaterasu: Japanese sun goddess

Emperor: Title for Japanese ruler; Had little power and worshipped as a god

Shogun: Supreme military commander who controlled the military, finances, and law

Daimyo: Local lord who owned land and was served by Samurai

Samurai: Warriors who live by a code of behavior

Axum: East African civilization located in the Ethiopian Highlands

Mali: West African kingdom led by Mansa Musa; practiced Islam

Songhai: West African kingdom located along the Niger River; Gao was capital

Zimbabwe: South African kingdom located near the Zambezi and Limpopo Rivers; Great Zimbabwe was capital

Ghana: Earliest West African kingdom located near the Niger River and the Sahara Desert

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