

Questions about Medieval Japan  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies

1. Buddhism, one of two principal religions practiced in Japan, originated (started) where?
  - a. Korea
  - b. India
  - c. China
  - d. Vietnam
  
2. What was Japan's original (first) religion, which expresses the love and respect for nature, and is in some ways, blended with Buddhism?
  - a. Shinto
  - b. Islam
  - c. Christianity
  - d. Baptist
  
3. Which neighbor listed below did **not** influence Japan's medieval culture?
  - a. Korea
  - b. China
  - c. India
  - d. Australia
  
4. Confucian ideas influenced the organization of Japan's government in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> centuries. From which neighbor did these ideas originate (come from)?
  - a. Korea
  - b. China
  - c. India
  - d. none of the above
  
5. Like China, the emperor of Japan wanted his government officials selected based on their ability. But by the 9<sup>th</sup> century, those positions were **filled with people who were nobles, or rich**. What is this type of government called?
  - a. a meritocracy
  - b. a democracy
  - c. an aristocracy
  - d. an idiosyncrasy
  
6. A Buddhist belief is that life is full of pain and suffering. According to Buddhism's moral code, what can a believer do to escape this?
  - a. show respect for others
  - b. practice meditation
  - c. follow a moral code of acting rightly
  - d. all of the above

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7. The Japanese language was originally only a spoken language. Which written language did the Japanese first adopt for their writing system?
  - a. Arabic
  - b. English
  - c. Kanji (simplified Chinese)
  - d. Latin
  
8. What is the name for a tower-shaped building with several stories and roofs? (see picture)
  - a. tanka
  - b. pagoda
  - c. samurai
  - d. Shinto
  
9. Shinto shrines (places of worship) showed Japan's...
  - a. love of machines and technology
  - b. fear of darkness and death
  - c. hatred for work
  - d. respect for agriculture and nature
  
10. How did cultural ideas move from Korea and China to Japan?
  - a. ideas came in the form of gifts such as books and art
  - b. workers came to Japan and showed their knowledge and skills
  - c. Japan sent students, monks, and government officials to other places
  - d. all of the above