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Social Studies / Period \_\_\_\_\_

## Land of the Rising Sun

### The Effect of Geography on Japan

According to legend, Japan was formed from drops of water. The drops fell from a jeweled spear that a god had dipped into the ocean. Each drop formed one of the four large and more than 4,000 small mountainous islands that make up Japan.

#### Landforms and Climate

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#### Nature Inspires Japanese Culture

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#### Japan’s Influential Neighbors – China and Korea

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REVIEW QUESTION – What areas of Japanese culture were influenced by China?

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### Early Japanese Society

Early Japan was divided into clans. These were families of people who were related by blood or marriage. Clans often fought one another for land. Land was the main source of wealth and power because so little of it was available for cultivation.

## Structure of Japanese Society

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## Japan's Emperors

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REVIEW QUESTION – Who held real power in early Japanese society?

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## The Reign of Prince Shotoku

Prince Shotoku was asked by his aunt, Empress Suiko the first woman to be ruler, to act as her regent. Shotoku held power from 593-622.

## Shotoku Introduces Chinese Culture

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## Shotoku Promotes Buddhism

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REVIEW QUESTION – What was the most lasting effect of Shotoku's reign?

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