

## Bushido in the Time of the Shoguns

**Directions:** Go to [www.missmorrisworldhistory.weebly.com](http://www.missmorrisworldhistory.weebly.com) and go to the assignments tab. Once there go to chapter 16 and open up the assignment titled Bushido in the time of the Shoguns. From here you will be able to access the website. Answer in complete sentences.

### Introduction

The world of the shoguns was the world of the warrior code known as "bushido," literally "the way of the warrior." In this activity you will learn about the central role of bushido in the lives of the samurai, the most powerful Japanese social class during the time of the shoguns.

**Destination Title:** [Bushido: The Way of the Warrior](#)

Use the information you found to answer the following questions.

- 1) What is the translation of Bushido?
- 2) How can samurai and bushido be compared to medieval Europe?
- 3) What are the four religions on which bushido is based?
- 4) What values did Shintoism contribute to bushido?
- 5) Which tradition contributed the concepts of family loyalty and relationships to bushido?
- 6) Analyze how bushido has found a place in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries.
- 7) Defend a Samurai's decision to go through the seppuku.

Your choice- choose one of the following

- 8) Create a descriptive journal entry of a literate Samurai's wife describing your relationship to your husband, your children, and your mother-in-law. Use 16.3 of the textbook to help you.
- 9) Imagine that you are a shogun wishing to recruit more samurai warriors. Based on what you have learned in your textbook and on the Web site, design a recruitment poster. Outline the tasks and responsibilities of a samurai and include any values that are particular to the bushido. This can be depicted on the back of this paper. It needs to be neat, colored and get the message across that whoever reads it will want to become a samurai.