

Bell Work

- You are a noble serving the empress of Japan and living in the capital city during the Heian period. While walking in the garden one day, she gives you a small book with blank pages. She tells you that nobles, both men and women, keep diaries.
- **What will you write in your new diary?**
 - Skim p. 446 – 449 for inspiration.
 - *Study for our map test when you finish!
 - *Don't forget! Your vocabulary quiz is Thursday, 11/13.
 - *Your Japan test is Monday, 11/17 .

Map Quiz

- When you finish, read chapter 15 section 2.

Japan Lesson 5

I can trace the emergence (why something became important/significant) of the Japanese nation during the Heian period.

7.29 Trace the emergence of the Japanese nation during the Nara, 710-794, and the Heian periods, 794-1180. (H, P)

Essential Questions

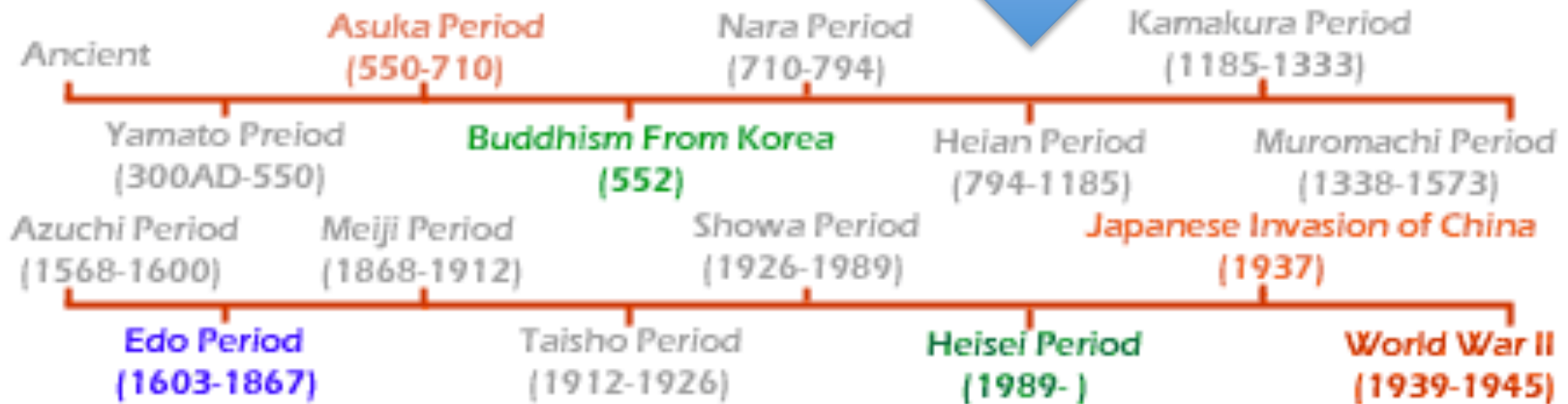
- When was the Heian period?
- What significant changes happened in Japan during this time?
- What was life like during the Heian period?

What Mastery Looks Like

- If you were a noble in the Heian court who did not have to work, what would you do all day? Write a journal entry in the style and manner of a Japanese noble, describing a typical day.

When was the Heian period?

Japanese History Timeline



The Heian = Golden Age of Arts



Japan's early culture was influenced by China and Korea.



A golden age of Japanese art and culture occurred during Japan's Heian Period.



After the Heian Period, the Japanese created a military society.

Japanese Nobles Create Great Art

- Read *Building Background* on p. 446.
- The nobles who followed Japan's emperor to Heian (now called Kyoto) wanted to live near and serve or advise a ruler in favor by his side. In Heian, nobles created an imperial court.

A group of nobles who live near and serve or advise a ruler



Why was it important for nobles to have the favor of the emperor?

Japanese Nobles Create Great Art

- Nobles and Common People had little to do with each other.
- Nobles seldom left the city.
- They loved beauty and elegance.
- Hmm...sounds familiar.
- Because of this love, the court at Heian became a great center of culture and learning.
- Sounds very very familiar.



Fashion



- The Heian nobles had magnificent wardrobes with silk robes and gold jewelry.
- They loved elaborate outfits.
- Women wore long gowns made of 12 layers of colored silk cleverly cut and folded to show off many layers at once. ssav

Why was fashion so important? Do you think fashion is still a big deal in modern society?

Literature

- Japanese nobles took great care with how they spoke and wrote.
- Writing was very popular among nobles.
- Many women wrote diaries and journals about their lives at court.
- In their diaries, the women did everything they could to make their writing beautiful.
- Men wrote in Chinese. Women wrote in Japanese.
 - Why do you think there was there this difference?
- Read *The Pillow Book* on p. 447.
 - Discuss with your neighbor the Analysis Skill question.

Literature

- Both men and women wrote poetry, but women wrote more prose.
- Most poems were Wakas and following a specific structure.
- They were usually about love or nature.
- For example, here is a poem written by a famous Heian-period woman, Ono no Komachi:

The flowers withered, (5)
Their color faded away, (7)
While meaninglessly (5)
I spent my days in the world (7)
And the long rains were falling. (7)

Visual Art

- The most popular art forms of the period were...
 - Paintings
 - Calligraphy
 - Architecture.



Japanese Art

- Read each of the following sections on p. 448 and 449 and create a tweet that summarizes each section. Be ready to share!
 - Visual Art
 - Architecture
 - Performing Arts



Exit Ticket

The flowers withered, (5)
Their color faded away, (7)
While meaninglessly (5)
I spent my days in the world (7)
And the long rains were falling. (7)

With your partner, following the syllable structure shown above, create a Waka about something you learned today.