

## Japan Test Study Guide

\*We will not go over every single answer to these questions. If you cannot find the answer to one, please ask your teacher for guidance.

Why was Japan isolated from China and Korea?

Describe Japan during the 1400s.

Why did the Samurai period in Japan last until the 1800s?

What are the physical characteristics of Japan?

What is Japan's largest island?

What was Japan's official language for many years?

Describe *The Tale of Genji* and *The Pillow Book*.

Who wrote most of the early Japanese prose?

What religion became popular among Japan's nobles?

What was the most important thing in a Samurai's life?

Who ruled Japan for about 700 years beginning in 1192?

What was banned in the 1630s?

What did Yamato rulers govern before they called themselves emperors?

What are the characteristics of Pure Land Buddhism and Zen Buddhism?

How did common people and noble people practice Buddhism differently?

What was the main duty of a samurai warrior?

How could a samurai lose his honor?

Why did Japanese nobles unite in 1274?

What happened during both Mongol attacks?

Be able to apply the following terms:

Kamikaze

Bushido

Figurehead

Calligraphy

Prince Shotoku

Structure

Ainu

Court

Noh

Daimyo