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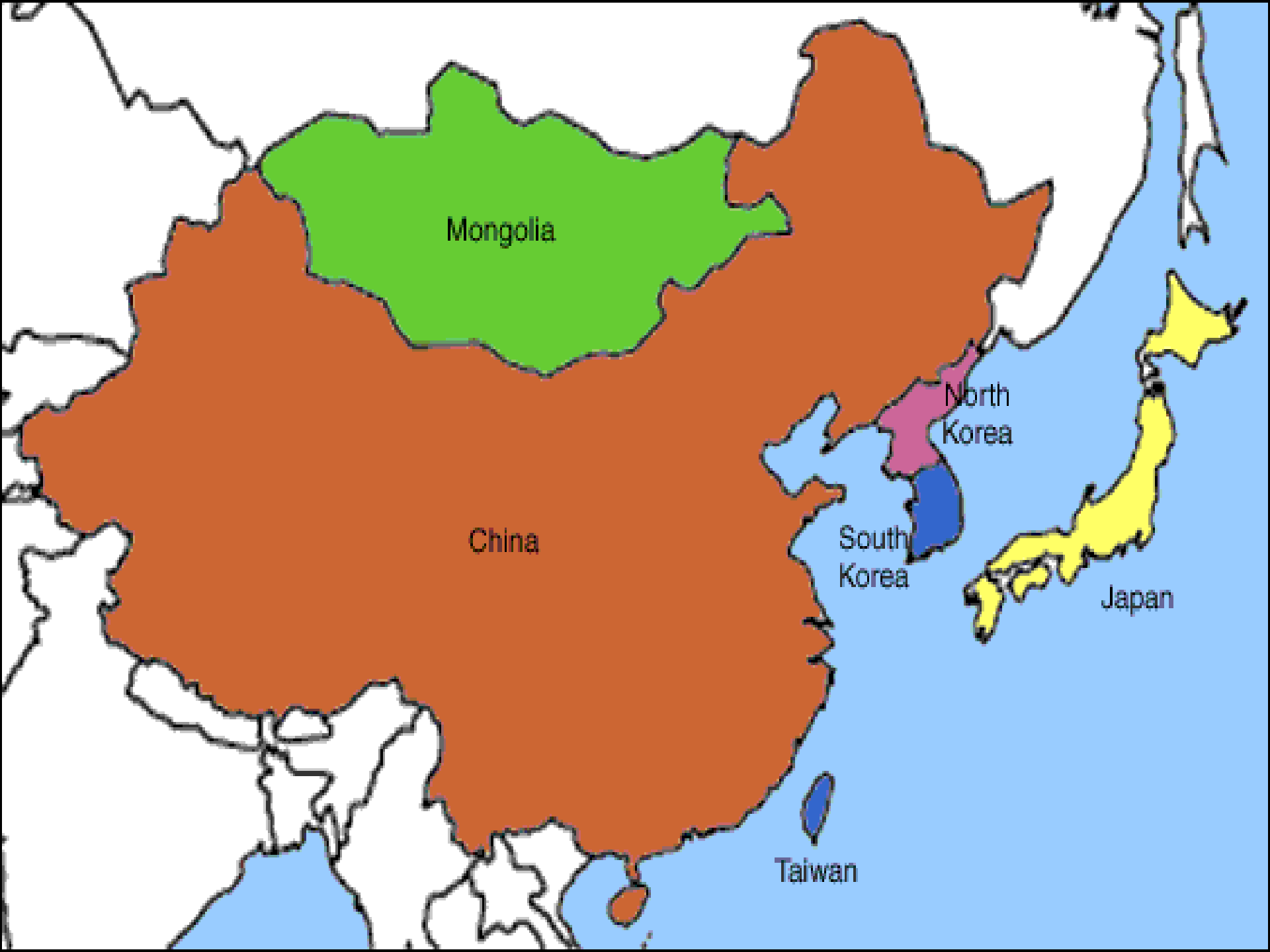
# The Emergence of Japan and the Feudal Age

## Chapter 12 Section 4

# Lesson Objectives

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Mongolia

China

North  
Korea

South  
Korea

Japan

Taiwan

# Geography Sets Japan Apart

- Japan is located on an **archipelago**, or chain of islands.
- The sea protects and isolates Japan from outside influences.
  - Close enough to learn from Korea and China
  - Far enough away to not be conquered by China.
- Mountainous
  - People settled in narrow valleys to farm.

# Forces of Nature

- “**Ring of Fire**”
  - Chain of volcanoes that encircle the Pacific Ocean.
- **Tsunamis**-tidal waves that destroy everything in their path.



171. Describe Shintoism.

# Early Japanese Religion

- **Shintoism**- “the way of the *kami*” - worship of spiritual powers that were natural or divine.
  - Mountains
  - Waterfalls
  - Trees
  - Rocks





172. Explain how Japan was affected by neighboring countries (Korea and China).

# Early Traditions

- Early Japanese society was divided into clans called *uji*.
- **The Yamato Clan** claimed power on the main island of Honshu.
- The Yamato set up Japans first and only dynasty.



# The Korean Connection

- Korea and Japan were in continuous contact with one another.
  - Skills/technology
  - Language- Japanese related to Korean
  - Korea introduced **Buddhism** to Japan



# The Japanese Visit China

- In the early 600's the **Yamato** emperors sent young nobles to the Tang Dynasty in China to learn about their culture.
- The nobles returned eager to share Chinese ideas such as
  - Chinese thought
  - Technology- **Pagoda Architecture**
  - The Arts
  - Government



# Selective Borrowing Preserves Japanese Culture

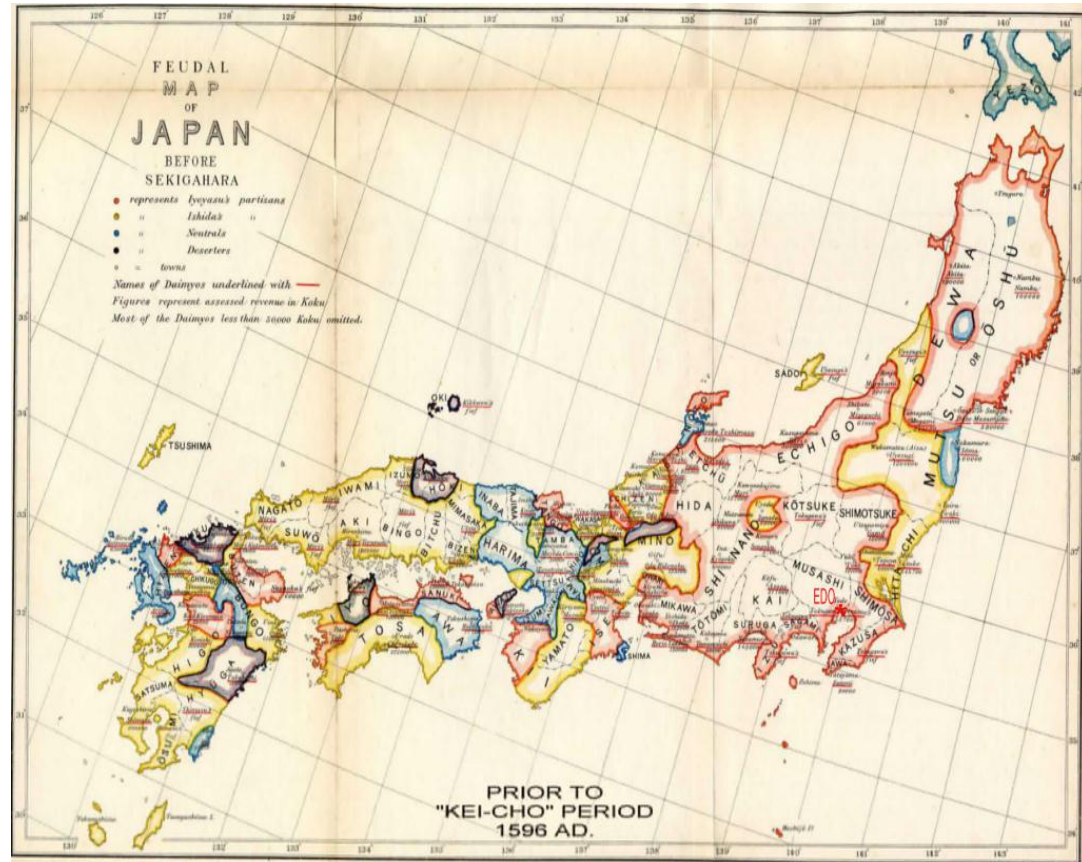
- The Japanese did not adopt everything from Chinese culture.
- **Selective borrowing**-they borrowed some parts of Chinese culture but discarded other parts.
- Japan **did not** borrow
  - Civil service exams
  - Chinese language



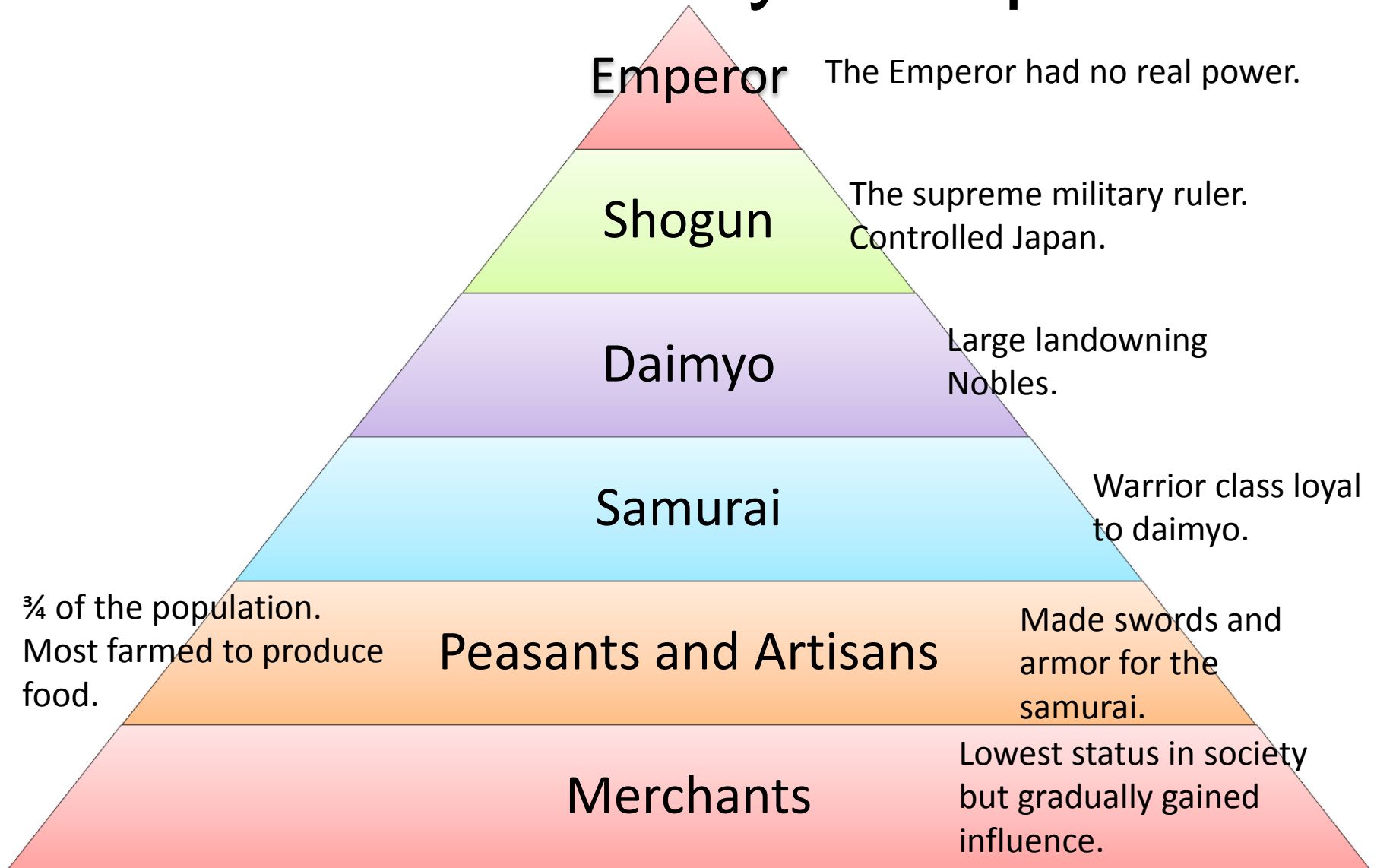
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# Warriors Establish Feudalism

- In the 1400's war swept over Japan.
- Local warlords created armies that were not loyal to the emperor.
- There was a constant battle for power in Japan.



# Feudal Society in Japan





174. Describe the samurai and the Code of Bushido.

# The Way of the Warrior

- **Samurai**- “those who serve”, the warrior class of Japanese society.
- Like medieval knights in Europe, heavily armed and skilled in the art of war.
- Developed a code of values called **bushido**, or the “way of the warrior”.
  - Honor
  - Bravery
  - Absolute loyalty to one’s lord



175. Explain how the Tokugawa Shogunate controlled Japan.

# The Tokugawa Shogunate

- After 1450 war became even more rampant in Japan.
- In 1600, the daimyo Tokugawa Ieyasu took control of Japan and established the Tokugawa Shogunate.
- It ruled until 1868.



# Tokugawa Rule

- Central Government imposed will on Daimyo
  - Daimyo had to live in capital city of Edo every other year.
  - Daimyo's family stayed in capital full time. Why?
- The Economy boomed
  - Food surplus
  - Trade expanded

