

Pre-Modern Japan

Goals & Objectives

At the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- Understand how Japanese geography, including its proximity to Korea and China, influenced its culture.
- Describe Shinto, the traditional religion of Japan, and how it synthesized and competed with Buddhism and Confucianism.
- Explain Heian culture and its emphasis on beauty, grace, and art.
- Describe the rise of the samurai and shoguns, including the samurai code of honor, bushido.
- Analyze how Japan developed into a military society and how this affected the political system of Japan.