

Chapter 13 The Spread of Chinese Civilization: Japan, Korea, and Vietnam

1. What regions of Asia were most drawn to Chinese cultural and political models?
2. When did Chinese influence on Japan peak?
3. What is the name of the nature spirits of Japan?
4. What religion played a key role in the transmission of Chinese civilization to Japan?
5. In which Japanese period was Chinese cultural influence most significant?
6. What were the reforms enacted in 646 that intended to thoroughly incorporate Chinese culture and political structure into Japanese society?
7. What was the central purpose of the reforms of 646 in Japan?
8. What group so threatened the security of the Japanese imperial court in the 8th century that the imperial family moved to Heian?
9. What was the immediate impact of the imperial move to Heian?
10. What was the military organization of the Heian government in Japan?
11. Life in the imperial court at Heian was described in what Japanese novel?
12. What appears to have been the primary concerns at the imperial Japanese court at Heian?
13. By the middle of the 9th century, what aristocratic family exerted exceptional influence over imperial affairs at the Japanese court at Heian?

14. Warrior leaders in the 10th century in Japan who controlled provincial areas and ruled from small fortresses in the countryside were called
15. What were the results of the rise of a provincial military elite during the 10th century in Japan?
16. Mounted troops owing loyalty to the military elite were called
17. What was the relationship of the imperial court to the provincial military elite?
18. What was the nature of warfare among the bushi?
19. What was the impact of the rise of the samurai on the peasantry in Japan?
20. By the 11th and 12th centuries, what was the status of the Japanese court aristocracy?
21. Between 1180 and 1185 the struggle between the two major provincial families, the Taira and the Minamoto, was decided in what wars?
22. The victory of the Minamoto in 1185 led to the creation of
23. The victory of the Minamoto marks the beginning of what period in Japanese history?
24. The development of regional power bases in Japan among the warrior elites of the countryside corresponded to what events in China?
25. In what year did the Japanese cease to send official embassies to the Chinese emperor?
26. What title was given to the military leader of the bakufu at Kamakura?

27. Following the death of Yoritomo, what family dominated the military government of the bakufu at Kamakura?
28. Describe the nature of the Japanese government following the death of Yoritomo?
29. What government replaced the Kamakura regime in the early 14th century in Japan?
30. What was the relationship between the Ashikaga Shogunate and the emperor?
31. What Japanese ruling faction was destroyed by the full-scale civil war that raged from 1467 to 1477?
32. What was the political result of the wars that destroyed the Ashikaga Shogunate?
33. How did the principles of warfare change under the daimyos?
34. Describe the society and economy of the warlord or shogun era in Japanese history?
35. What was the status of women during the era of the daimyos?
36. During the period of the warring daimyos, what was the factor that led to a revival of Chinese influence on the cultural level?
37. In what year did the Han emperors conquer the first Korean kingdom of Choson?
38. What kingdom was successful in establishing a unified and independent government in Korea?
39. List the chronological sequence for the Korean dynasties.
40. Describe the Korean bureaucracy under the influence of China.

41. What was the religious preference of the Korean elite?
42. Describe the nature of the Korean society.
43. What were the differences between the Viet and Chinese cultures prior to their conquest by the Han emperors?
44. What was the political result of the Vietnamese drive to conquer regions south of the Red River basin?
45. What were the cultural traits introduced into Vietnam from China following the Han conquest of 111 B.C.?
46. What was a critical factor in the failure of the Chinese to conquer or assimilate the Vietnamese?
47. Following the assertion of Vietnamese independence from China in the tenth century, what aspects of Chinese culture were retained by the Vietnamese rulers.
48. How did the Japanese importation of Chinese culture differ from that of Vietnam and Korea?
49. Discuss the government of Japan between the Gempei wars and the Tokugawa Shogunate.
50. How did the social development of post classical Japan differ from the development of Korea during the period of Chinese influence?
51. Why was China unable to assimilate the Vietnamese despite direct rule for almost a millennium?
52. How did the extension of Chinese culture to its satellite civilizations differ from other global civilizations such as Islam?