* P673 Textbook
* Japanese History
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* Japanese Feudalism: A Social Structure
* -Emperor: no real power (figurehead)
* -Shogun: military leaders
* -Daimyo: like lords with money, land and power
* -Samurai: highly trained warriors that lived according to the code of bushido, would commit suicide rather than dishonor their lord
* -Peasants: grew the food for everybody else
* History of Modern Japan:
* -WWII: Japan is allies with Germany and Italy in WWII
* -Japan bombs Pearl Harbor (U.S. army base in Hawaii)
* -U.S. strikes back by dropping an atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
* -Japan surrenders; still don’t have an army
* Japanese Culture:
* -3 alphabets
* -Shintoism: devotion to invisible spiritual beings (“kami”), could be ancestors or natural objects/creatures
* -many rituals and traditions
* -Buddhism: suffering is caused by desire; Eightfold Path is the way to enlightenment (perfect state); based on teachings of Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha)
* -They want to achieve nirvana (get rid of greed, delusion and hatred)
* Korean History
* -Considered part of Chinese empire
* -Japan invades and are harsh rulers (forced to learn Japanese and do slave labor)
* -WWII: Japan has to surrender Korea
* -North Korea helped by USSR: Communist
* -South Korea helped by U.S.: Democratic
* -Korean War: North vs. South
* Background info (extra):
* Brief WWII summary:
* 1939-1945, fought in Europe and Asia
* All about allies!
* 1939: Adolf Hitler (Germany) invades Poland
* Britain and France declare war on Germany…war!

Caused by:

World War I and the Treaty of Versailles

Appeasement: giving into Hitler’s demands

Rise of Totalitarianism: leaders with total control (Stalin, Hitler, Tojo, Mussolini)

* Axis Powers: Germany, Italy, and Japan (plus allies)
* Vs.
* Allied Powers: U.S., USSR, U.K. (plus allies)
* Many horrible events:
* \*genocides: mass killings of certain ethnic groups
* \*Holocaust: Hitler exterminates Jews in concentration camps
* \*Japan massacres Korean and Chinese nationals
* \*Soviet Union massacres
* [http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/world-war-ii-history/videos/atomic-bomb-ends-wwII#](http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-ii/world-war-ii-history/videos/atomic-bomb-ends-wwII)
* <http://www.world-war-2.info/history/>