

Chapter 6: Medieval Japan

Main Ideas and Concepts

1. How was feudalism in Japan similar to European feudalism?

- Both had a hierarchical social structure
- Land is given in exchange for loyalty and service (warrior class = samurai)

2. What is the main differences between Japanese and European feudalism?

- In Japan the emperor is revered but had very little power
- The shogun was Japan's real ruler
- In Europe the king has power

3. Describe the physical factors that influenced the development of Japan

- Japan is an archipelago off the coast of Asia
- It has some influence from China and Korea
- Yet it still remains isolated from outside contact