Origins of Japan and the Samurai

1. A mythical story is told about the beginnings of Japan.
   1. Long ago the islands of Japan did not even exist, only ocean.
   2. A god and goddess looked down from the heavens above and saw a long, colorful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ streaking over the ocean.
   3. The rainbow formed a splendid ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the god and goddess decided to walk across it. Pausing in the center of this stretch of color, the god lowered his jeweled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the ocean*.*
   4. He swirled the spear around and around and lifted it from the water.
   5. Tiny water ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fell from the tip of the spear, and as they hit the ocean, they turned into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   6. The god and goddess descended to their newly created land where the goddess gave birth to Amaterasu, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Her great, great grandson is thought to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, founder of Japan’s royal family.
   7. Every ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Japan, from Jimmu’s time to present day, have been directly related to Jimmu and therefore, a descendant of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Three Treasures
   1. Jimmu carried with him the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_he needed to verify his divine ancestry:
   2. Three treasures, handed down by the gods, were always to be kept in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Japan’s emperors.
   3. With this evidence, no one could doubt that Japan’s emperors were related to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   4. The first treasure was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that belonged to the sun goddess, representing the emperor’s relation with the gods.
   5. The next treasure was a special \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, representing the emperor’s strength.
   6. The third treasure was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, said to actually have been taken from the steps of heaven, representing the great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the emperor possesses.
3. A Lasting Heritage
   1. Jimmu was most likely a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ person. The mythical beginning of Japan is a story still enjoyed by the Japanese, though the actual relation of the emperor to the gods was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the emperor of Japan, Hirohito, after WWII*.*
   2. Emperor Hirohito’s heritage can, however, be traced directly back to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the first emperor of Japan. Emperor Hirohito died in 1989, and today his son is the emperor of Japan.
4. Feudal Hierarchy in Medieval Japan
   1. **Shogun:** **“­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”:** military leader who ruled under emperor & hired daimyo to run his farms.
   2. **Daimyo:** **“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”:** nobles (lords) who supported the Shogun by owning and caring for large farming estates & hired samurai to protect farms.
   3. **Samurai: “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”;** armored and mounted warriors who fought to the death to protect their lord (daimyo) and his farm.
5. SAMURAI CODE
   1. To live and die **­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
   2. To always be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
6. BUSHIDO
   1. **“­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”**
   2. The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to military life
   3. Influenced by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
   4. Required to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to protect his lord
   5. Followed **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Courage, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ honor, kindness, etc.
7. TRAINING
   1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to die in battle.
   2. You must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a Samurai
   3. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:** taught to shoot bow & arrow and ride a horse.
   4. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:** long fasts, barefoot hike in snow, practiced with wooden sword, studied martial arts
8. WEAPONS
   1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**
      1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for ritual suicide or defeat of opponent.
      2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**“the soul of the samurai” – craftsmen had supernatural powers – made of hard steel – could cut a man in two.
   2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_& \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
9. HONORABLE DEATH
   1. A **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in battle was the samurai’s most honorable goal.
   2. If samurai **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** or were captured, he was humiliated and would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (hari kiri).
   3. Before killing a defeated opponent, a samurai would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him on his bravery and then kill him with shorter blade.