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The Spread of Chinese Civilization: Japan, Korea and Vietnam

*Japan: The Imperial Age*

1. Why were attempts to reform Japan’s political structure to be like China’s unsuccessful?
2. Describe court life during the Heian Era, including the art forms that were emphasized.
3. How did elite provincial families take advantage of the isolation of the palace court to amass power and influence?
4. Who were bushi? Who were samurai, and to whom were they loyal? Why did royal officials hire bushi and samurai?
5. In what fundamental ways was Japan’s feudal system similar to Europe’s?

*The Era of Warrior Dominance*

1. What was the shogunate? What happened to the emperor and the court under this system?
2. What happened to Japan’s political system when bushis became daimyo?
3. How did women of different classes fare in postclassical Japan?
4. How did Buddhism influence Japanese cultural developments?

*Korea: Between China and Japan*

1. What development during the Han dynasty triggered Chinese influences spreading to Korea?
2. What is *Sinification*?
3. What did Korea need to do in exchange for independence from China?
4. Why was it to both China and Korea’s advantage to set up this arrangement?
5. Which group of Koreans were the only ones who directly benefited from the extensive exchanges with China?

*Between China and Southeast Asia: The Making of Vietnam*

1. How did Vietnam’s distinct culture and identity influence its interest in borrowing ideas from China?
2. After Chinese defeat, how did Vietnam benefit from borrowing technologies from the Han dynasty?

1. Why did China ultimately fail to assimilate the Vietnamese into their culture?
2. Although Vietnam gained its independence after the fall of the Tang dynasty, in what ways did they continue to be influenced by China?