

Answer Key: Feudalism Comparison Chart

Research feudalism in Japan and Europe in order to compare and contrast the two systems in the chart below.

| Unique to Feudal Japan | Exists in both | Unique to Feudal Europe |
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| <p>Bushido—based on philosophy of Confucius--emphasized morality and respect for elders.</p> <p>Samuri given rice as payment</p> <p>Samuri women expected to be strong</p> <p>Samuri expected to be artistic and educated (could read and write)</p> <p>Samuri would rather die by suicide and defeat by enemy in order to maintain honour</p> | <p>System of hereditary classes</p> <p>Little social mobility</p> <p>Warriors were highest class</p> <p>Code of ethics</p> <p>Used horses, armour, and swords in warfare</p> <p>Built castles</p> | <p>Chivalry—based on Roman law and supported by Catholic Church—contract of payment and loyalty in return for protection</p> <p>Knights given land as payment</p> <p>Noble women expected to be fragile and in need of protection</p> <p>Knights were usually illiterate and spent time hunting and jousting</p> <p>Catholic Church forbade suicide and knights tried to avoid death</p> |