Feudalistic Japan

1. Illustration 1
   1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clan founded Japan’s imperial dynasty as early as the 6th century A.D. They claimed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ origin.
   2. Many emperors were weak and easily influenced by outside \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
      1. The most powerful of these outside clans was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
      2. They pretty much controlled the emperors—forcing them to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when they became tired with their period of rule.
   3. This illustration is about a Japanese emperor named Kazan who is hurrying to a Buddhist temple to take vows as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He is resigning from his position.
      1. Why would an emperor do this?
      2. Why do you think China was able to have a strong emperor while the Japanese consistently had a weak emperor?
2. Illustration 2
   1. What is this a picture of?
   2. The importance of the Samurai began to grow as the power of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ began to decrease and local clans and nobles gained more power.
      1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (clans and nobles) began hiring their own private armies for protection.
      2. To afford a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, these warriors needed their own land and peasants to make money.
         1. He got these things from the powerful nobles or clansmen.
         2. He would then pledge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to them.
      3. What word do historians use to describe the relationship between a samurai and a great landowner?
3. Illustration 3
   1. As the feudal system began to spread through Japan, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lost their control and power.
   2. By the 12th century, two top military clans began to struggle for political control in Japan—the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the Taira.
      1. After several decades, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ won out.
      2. Minamoto Yoritomo ruled not as an emperor but as a military leader called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   3. Yoritomo had to rely on other lords and their samurai leading to more conflicts in Japan.