EXTRA CREDIT
WRITING IDEAS - 1

Values related questions

1. Which would you rather be, the Emperor of Japan or the Shogun of Japan. Why?

2. Do you think it was important for samurai warriors to honor and obey their leaders? Why or why not?

3. Which would you rather be, a farmer or a samurai warrior? Why?

4. The year is 500 A.D. in Japan. You have the opportunity to introduce new ideas from China to your country. What would be the most important ideas you would want to introduce (e.g., science, math, writing, religion, warfare, art, astronomy)? Explain why.

5. Your leader has just died. Since you are samurai you must decide to either find a new leader or make a new life for yourself as a farmer, fisherman, or religious monk. What will you do?

6. You have just conquered Japan and the Emperor has named you shogun. How will you rule your country? Explain your answer. Be sure to mention your enemies, loyal samurai, peasants, and other countries.

7. You have ruled Japan for many years and now you are old, but very wise. What advice do you give to the person you have selected to be the next shogun?

8. Commodore Perry has just arrived in Japan. You must give advice to the emperor. Should you or should you not allow foreigners to enter Japan. Explain your answer.

These questions will carry you to higher levels of thinking.

Are you ready for such flight?
EXTRA CREDIT
WRITING IDEAS - 2

Compare/contrast research questions

(See your school or local library for appropriate books. Your teacher also has a selected bibliography in the WAR LORDS Teacher Guide.)

1. Compare and contrast an American family with a Japanese family.

2. Compare and contrast the American home with the Japanese home.

3. Compare and contrast American food with Japanese food.


5. In what ways are companies in Japan important to their workers? How are they different from companies in America?

6. Would you rather go to school in America or Japan? Explain.

The balloon is waiting for you!