**Edmund Burke Academy/Online Lesson**

**World Affairs**

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***The History of Japan*** (to accompany PPT, need research materials or internet)

Note: Please be thorough in your answers; dates are necessary and complete explanations required.

1. Describe the content of the Book of Han.

What was the first recorded name for Japan as referenced in Han?

1. Where is Kyoto located and why is it considered the cultural center of Japan?
2. What were the achievements of the Heian Dynasty?
3. What was so remarkable about the author of the *Tale of Genji*?

What is the subject of this novel?

1. Buddhism and Taoism were imported into Japan, most likely, from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
2. What was the role of the Fujiwara clan in the rise of the Samurai class?
3. Explain the role of each member of Japanese Feudal society as found on Slide #4.
4. Why did the Japanese name their WWII suicide aircraft *Kamikaze*?
5. What changed about the relationship between the Emperor and the Shogun during the Edo period?
6. Why was Admiral Perry sent to “open Japan?” Explain.
7. Explain the political/social changes made in Japan under the Meiji Restoration. (full explanation, folks…)
8. How did the establishment of the Meiji change the position of the Samurai?
9. How did the government change during the Showa dynasty?

What foreign expansion did it pursue?

14. Describe the Japanese invasion of China in the 1930’s.

15. How was the attack on Pearl Harbor part of Japanese foreign policy in 1941?

16. Why did McArthur argue for Hirohito’s exemption from the Tokyo Trials?

17. What is America’s economic/political relationship with Japan today?