

Japan Voc

1. **Shamanism** – belief in gods and spirits (Korea)
2. **animism** – belief in spirits that are outside of the body. Belief that humans, animals, plants, rocks, rivers, all have their own spirits they are holy places.
- 3 **Kami** – the nature spirits you can call on for help
4. **Shinto** – belief that everything in nature has a spirit. (Shinto means way of the spirits)
- 5 **Shinto shrines** – to show respect to kami Japanese worship at these holy places usually located near places of nature
6. **archipelago** – a chain of islands
7. **maritime** – related to the sea or seafaring
8. **tsunami** – a huge ocean wave caused by an undersea earthquake
9. **shogunate** – a military government ran by a shogun for 700 years in Japan
10. **shogun** – a military governor who rules Japan
11. **daimyo** – powerful military lords who pledged to obey the emperor and shogun. They used samurai guard their lands.
12. **samurai** – a warrior who served a Japanese lord and lived by a strict code of conduct “**Bushido**”
13. **regents** – court officials who governed for weak emperors (emperors to young, too sick to govern or just don’t want to rule)
14. **Prince Shotoku** – Yamato prince who ruled Japan about 600, he wanted a strong, well organized government so he created a constitution. He admired Chinese civilization and used China as a model for Japan’s government, writing system, medicine, art and architecture. He was a Buddhist and had officials and students study Buddhism.