

SAMURAI



Samurai is a servant, the servant
of a lord.

- The word *samurai* is an archaic Japanese verb that evolved to *saburau*, meaning



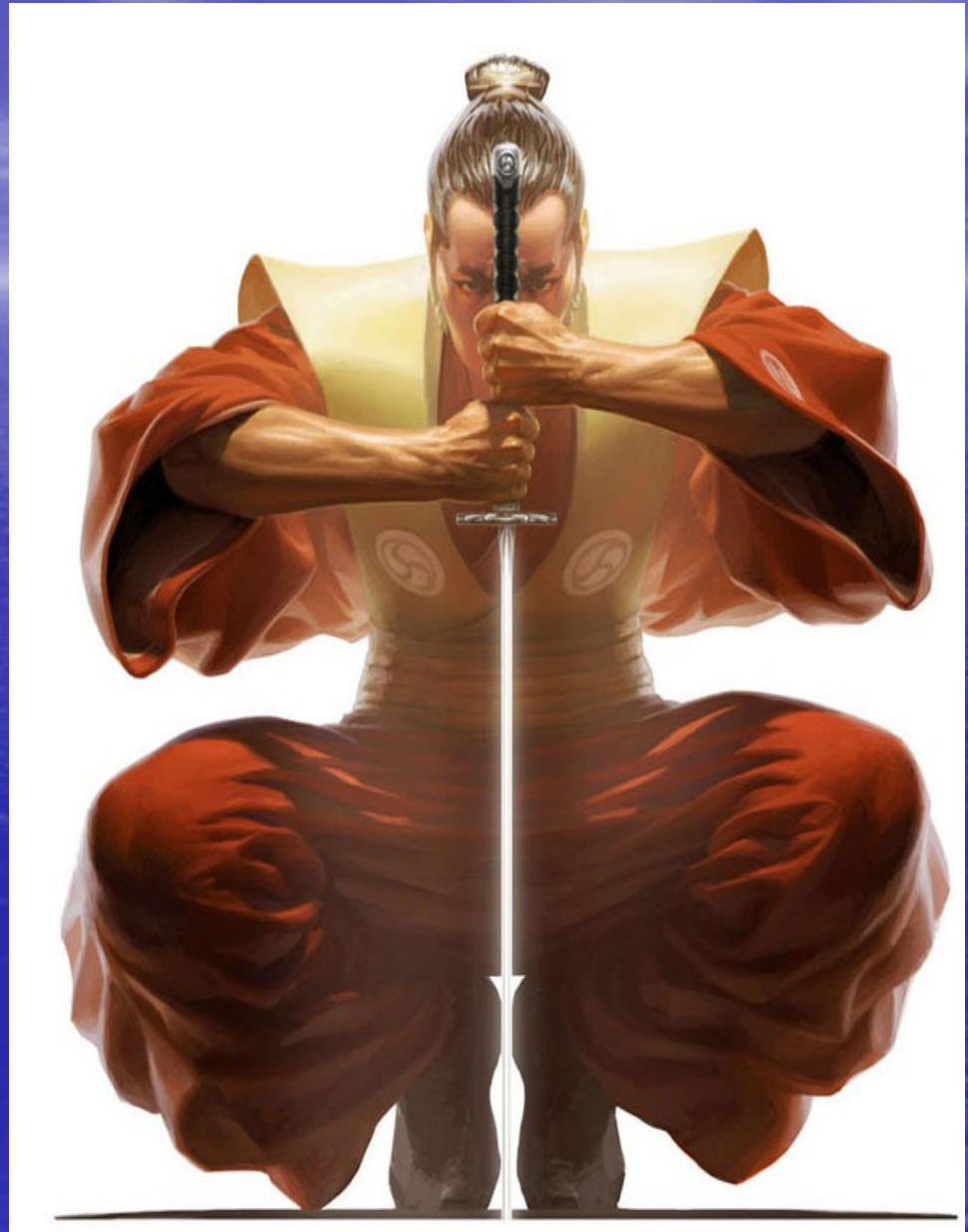
History

- With an understanding of how the population was distributed, Emperor Mommu introduced the law where 3-4 adult males were drafted into the national military. These soldiers were required to supply their own weapons and in return were exempted from duties.



Education

- A samurai was expected to read and write, as well as to know some mathematics. Samurai were expected, though not required, to have interests in other arts such as dancing, literature, poetry...



Marriage

- The marriage of samurai was done by having a marriage arranged by someone with the same or higher rank, than those being married. Most samurai married women from a samurai family.
- A samurai could have a mistress but her background was strictly checked by higher ranked samurai. In many cases, this was treated like a marriage. Kidnapping a mistress would have been shameful, if not a crime. If a samurai's wife gave birth to a son he could be a

- A samurai could divorce his wife. A reason for divorce would be if she could not produce a son, but then adoption could be arranged as an alternative to divorce. A samurai could divorce for personal reasons, even if he simply did not like his wife, but this was generally avoided as it would embarrass the samurai who had arranged the marriage. A woman could also arrange a divorce. Some rich merchants had their daughters marry samurai to erase a samurai's debt and advance their positions.



Weapons

- *Yari* : spear
- *Katana* : is the samurai's soul and sometimes a samurai is pictured as entirely dependent on the katana for fighting. They believe that the katana was so precious that they often gave them names and considered them as part of the living
- tantō : small dagger
- jōbō



21 new words

- Servant-služabnik
- Derive-izhajati
- Archaic-starodaven
- Distribute-razpošiljati
- National-naroden
- Required-zahtevati
- Supply-preskrbeti
- Exempted-oproščen
- Dutis-dolžnosti
- Advance-napredovati
- Spear-sulica, kopje
- Arranged-domeniti se
- Rank-ugled, položaj, čin
- Mistress-ljubica
- Adoption-posvojitev
- Alternative-izbira med dvema možnostima
- Generally-običajno
- Merchants-trgovec
- Erase-zbrisati
- Debt-dolg
- Drafted-rekrutirati (rekrut-vojak v začetku služenja)