

# *Japan: Memoirs of a Secret Empire Web Quest*

Type the following url into the search bar: <https://www.pbs.org/empires/japan/>.

## **Task #1**

Click on the “Enter Edo” link along the top menu. Read the “Welcome to Edo” information to gather some context for the character search. Once the introduction is read, click on each of the characters and write a one sentence overview of why they were important to the city.

Artisan:

Cook:

Courtesan:

Daimyo:

Farmer:

Geisha:

Merchant:

Samurai:

Shogun:

Writer:

## **Task #2**

Click on the “Travel Tokaido” link along the top menu. Read the “Travel Tokaido” information to gather some context then click on the “On The Tokaido Road >>” link to travel the road. Answer the following questions as you click through the slideshow.

1) Why was the road important to the Japanese Empire?

2) Why is it important that people documented their travels along the road? Give two (2) reasons.

3) Why would women be forbidden to travel alone on the road?



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## **Part II**

As you watch the film, use bullet points, sentences or visuals to answer the questions below.

I. How did the Shogun, Tokogawa Iemitsu, control life in Japan during the Edo period?

Daimyo	
Travel	
Religion	
Taxes	
Other aspects of Edo society	

2. Which of the following controls by Tokugawa made life in Japan the most difficult? Provide two (2) SPECIFIC pieces of evidence to defend your answer.

3. How did the Shogun isolate Japan from the outside world?

