**Unit 7 Ancient Japan Study Guide Answers**

**Vocabulary: Be able to define the following:**

Samurai- a member of the Japanese warrior class

Policy of isolation- a policy whereby foreigners are forced out of a country and traveling abroad is outlawed

Shogun- high ranking military commander

Clans- a group of people regarded as being descended from a common ancestor

Figurehead- a person who has the title but not the powers of the head of something

Daimyo- a Japanese feudal baron

**Review your GRAPES outline** (multiple choice, fill in the blanks, listing, short answer)

When did the Japanese policy of isolation begin and what were the results of this policy?

When the shogun rulers took control of Japan’s international trade; results were that Japan did not advance as other civilizations/countries did; kept their culture and civilization intact without outside influence

What are two facts about the farmers of Japan? They were part of the largest class and they were legally bound to the land and the land’s owner.

Why did Japan continue to trade during the isolation policy? They still wanted to have some outside contact mainly with China and Korea

What separated Japan from the mainland? The Sea of Japan

What were the reasons for the isolation policy? Early bad experiences with the Europeans, physical geography, and it was a nation of islands

Complete the five (5) levels of the Japanese feudalism hierarchical structure:

Emperor

Shogun

Daimyos

Samurai

Peasants (includes merchants, craftspeople, farmers and fishermen)

Who used the Bushido Code? Samurai warriors

Know the influence of the Shinto religion on Japan- respect, honor, loyalty, and nature

What culture remained linked to Japan and what was its influence? China influenced their language and writing

Choose 3 Ancient Japanese achievements and explain their importance to the Japanese society. Calligraphy, origami, tanka poetry, haiku, plays and novels about battles, laquered boxes and furniture

Explain seppuku and why the warriors of Japan did this. SEPPUKU is a ritual suicide. This was seen as an act of bravery. Samurai who did this were not allowed to show fear or pain. The importance of dying an honorable death was the center of the Bushido code. Therefore if a samurai warrior broke the Bushido code, he chose seppuku over the dishonoring of himself and his family.