

Tokugawa Japan

Chapter 17

UNIFICATION

Sengoku Period (1467-1568)

- constant civil war
 - among daimyos
 - local rulers



The Three Daimyos

- Oba Nobunga
 - “rule empire by force”
 - captures Kyoto (1568)
 - first to use firearms



Toyotomi Hideyoshi

- gains control (1590)
- farmer turned commander
- moves capital to Osaka



Tokugawa Ieyasu

- unifies Japan (1600)
- moves capital to Edo (Tokyo)





CLOSED COUNTRY EDICT

Background

- Portuguese traders arrive (1543)
 - eyeglasses, tobacco, firearms
 - very welcome at first



- Christian missionaries follow...
 - many Japanese convert



- 1639
 - Tokugawa closes Japan from foreign trade (CCE)



Reasons

- fear of...
 - foreign guns being used against them
 - citizens being more loyal to Pope than shoguns
 - European colonization

TOKUGAWA CULTURE

Chanoyu

- Japanese tea ceremony
 - matcha – powdered green tea that is served



Haiku

- poetry comprised of 3 lines
 - 5-7-5 (syllable structure)

Ill on a journey;
my dreams wander
over a withered moor.



The sea darkens;
the voices of the wild ducks
are faintly white.

The leeks
newly washed white,-
how cold it is!

Kabuki

- theater performance
- men only
 - rich
 - urban merchant class



Ukiyoe

- woodblock prints
- “pictures of the floating world”



THE OPENING OF JAPAN

Commodore Matthew Perry

- 1853
 - requests port service permission for U.S.
- 1854
 - Treaty of Kanagawa

