

KEY CONCEPTS	RELATED CONCEPTS	GLOBAL CONTEXT
Change	Power	Identities and relationships
STATEMENT OF INQUIRY		
Cultural, economic, and political changes (both internal and external), affect who holds power and identities and relationships with others		

Before the Tokugawa Shogunate

Azuchi-Momoyama Era

How would you unify Japan?

ODA NOBUNAGA



POWERFUL DAIMYO WHO WANTS TO UNIFY ALL JAPAN

STRONG WARRIOR AND TRUE SAMURAI

TOKUGAWA IEYASU



A RELATIVELY WEAK DAIMYO WHO JOINS WITH ODA NOBUNAGA TO DEFEAT OTHER DAIMYO.

VERY CUNNING AND PATIENT MAN

TOYOTOMI HIDEYOSHI



BORN A PEASANT AND A FOOT SOLDIER, PROMOTED TO SAMURAI BY ODA NOBUNAGA.

FIERCELY LOYAL TO ODA, AND VERY AMBITIOUS! HE IS DETERMINED TO RISE IN IMPORTANCE

The Situation: You are Oda Nobunaga

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- There are many clans. Some are strong and some are weak. They are all fighting each other and you. **How do you stop this?**
- Buddhist leaders also have a strong influence on people, and are powerful. They also hate Nobunaga and his power. You know the Buddhists and the (European) Christian missionaries in Japan don't like each other. **How do you weaken Buddhists?**



What Really Happened?

- **Nobunaga formed an alliance with Tokugawa Ieyasu after beating other smaller daimyo, eventually controlling $\frac{1}{3}$ of all Japan.**
- **Nobunaga used Western weapons (guns) and encouraged Jesuit missionaries to destroy Buddhist monasteries and Buddhist temples.**

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The Situation:

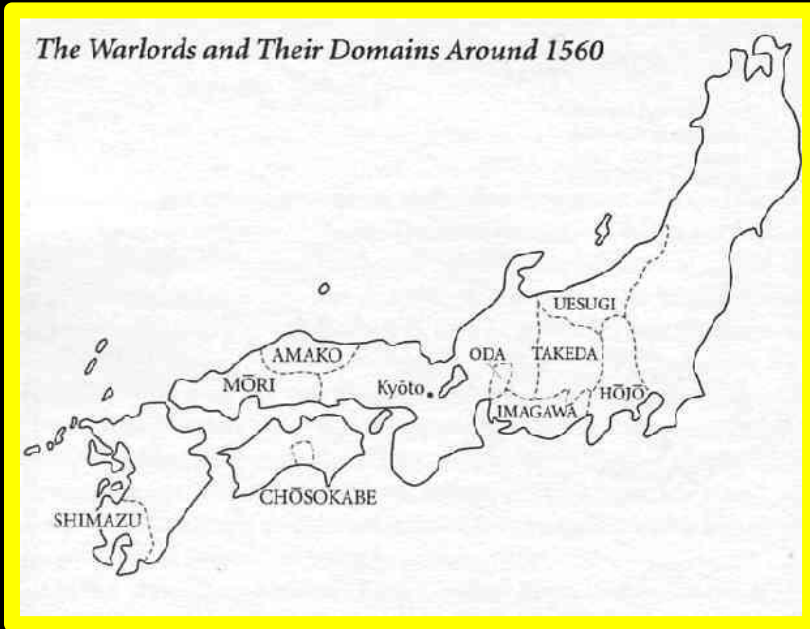
You are

Oda Nobunaga

- You are continuing to defeat rival clans, making other daimyo jealous and angry; there were rebellions against you. In battle, fighting one of the rebellions, you are injured and surrounded. You will likely be captured.

What do you do?

The Warlords and Their Domains Around 1560



What Really Happened?

- **No one really 100% knows!**
- **One idea has Nobunaga committing suicide when realizing he could be captured. He wasn't likely to be set free if taken. This was the honourable way for a samurai to die anyway.**
- **Another has Akechi Mitsuhide (a daimyo who strongly hated Nobunaga) killing him after surrounding his troops - an honorable assassination since Nobunaga killed his aunt (or mother).**
- **Nobunaga's son also died in this battle leaving him without an heir.**

The Situation:

You are

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Toyotomi Hideyoshi

- Your master Nobunaga is dead. With no sons. There are rival daimyo who want control. **Who is going to be the next leader? How do you make them weak so you can become the daimyo leader?**



What Really Happened?

- Hideyoshi killed Akechi Mitsuhide in battle—solidifying his power as next ruler.
- He weakened opposing daimyo by taking their land and making their armies smaller.
- Using advanced firearms and superior castles (his being called Momoyama) he defended and attacked his enemies with force.

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The Situation: You are Toyotomi Hideyoshi



- Christian missionaries are becoming powerful. This is a threat. Also, peasants can still become samurai warriors. They are a possible threat, too. **How do you weaken Christians? How do you make sure the peasants cannot rebel?**
- Your background is peasantry and you cannot become shogun.
- **What do you do to demonstrate you are in control?**

What Really Happened?

- **Hideyoshi forced Christian missionaries to leave Japan.**
- **He collected all of the swords from the peasants and made a law that only people born as samurai could be samurai. He melted them and had them formed into a great Buddha statue.**
- **He had himself adopted by a daimyo and named his heir.**

The Situation:

You are

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Tokugawa Ieyasu

- When your enemy clan is defeated and your father is dead, you get control. Oda Nobunaga is the most powerful daimyo. Your army is too weak against his. However, you feel you would make a better ruler.
- What do you do to protect yourself and avoid war?



What Really Happened?

- **Ieyasu had a weaker army, so he would surely lose a war with Nobunaga. He decided to form an alliance with Nobunaga.**
- **It is said they peed on a tree together to promise to defend each other to the end.**



6 **The Situation: You are Tokugawa Ieyasu**

- After an attack on Korea, Hideyoshi dies and there are daimyo who take over his lands.
- Hideyoshi had chosen 5 daimyo to act as regents for his son until he was old enough to rule- you are one.
- **What do you do?**

What Really Happened?

- **Ieyasu promised loyalty. He knew that he was still too weak to fight against the other 4 daimyo, so keeping peace would be safer for him.**

The Situation:

You are

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Tokugawa Ieyasu

- You don't want to be a servant – you want to be a ruler!

Hideyoshi is dead, but other daimyo are powerful. You want to control all of Japan *someday*.

What can you do to?



What Really Happened?

- Ieyasu slowly and secretly gathers other daimyo in the south and north to his side.
- Ieyasu built a strong army at the small fishing village of Edo - his homeland.
- A grand battle - the greatest in Japanese history with more than 200,000 fighting to the death in one day was planned.
- After initial defeat, some daimyo switched to his side and he won the Battle of Sekigahara in 1600, making HIM the undisputed ruler of ALL Japan.

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The Situation:

You are

Tokugawa Ieyasu

- Now that you have power you want to be sure to keep it. There are still rival daimyo in Japan. You also want to keep control of commoners. **How do you do this?**



What Really Happened?

- **As Shogun he created laws that forced daimyo to be weak by keeping their family members as hostages in Edo, forcing them to have huge homes in Edo, creating laws that limited all outside travel and trade . . .**

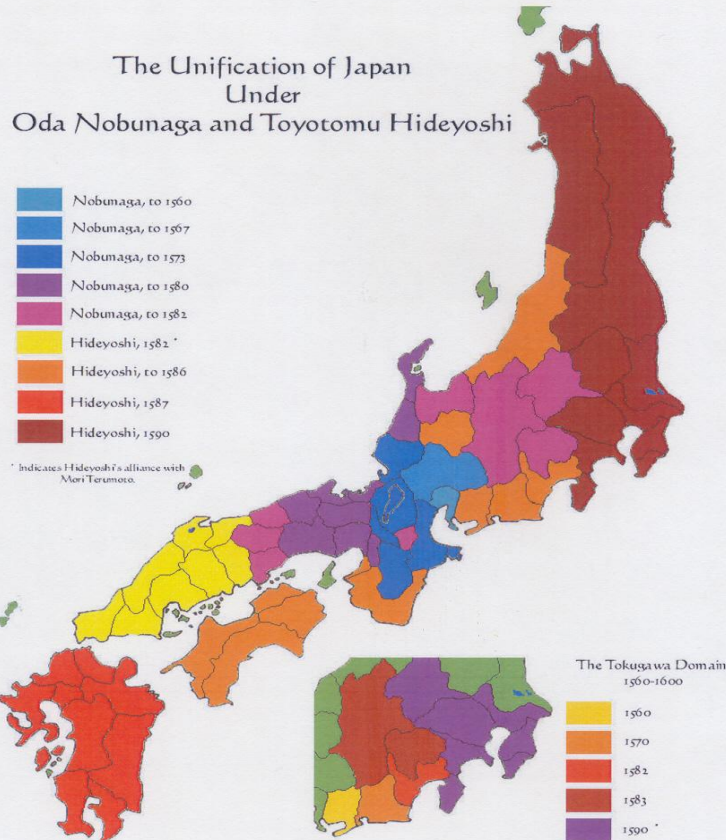
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Discuss this famous saying:
"Nobunaga pounds the national rice cake, Hideyoshi kneads it, and in the end Ieyasu sits down and eats it."

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Tokugawa Japan



Social Structure in Tokugawa Japan

