

History Club
Presentation



About Samurai Culture

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Who were the Samurai ?

- The samurai warriors were one of the most feared opponents on the battle field.
- Many of their **fighting styles** and disciplines like **jujitsu** still live to this day.



How do you become a Samurai ?

- Samurais were usually picked from family with a certain hereditary link. This was more common during the **Tokugawa Shogunate**.
- But during **The Age of Troubles**, because of constant warfare, it was easy for anyone with skill to attend training
- In families with military heritage, before sending sons to train, their father would prepare the sons at an early age. This would mainly focus on skills like swordsmanship, archery, and horseback riding.

- Throughout most of **medieval and early modern Japanese history**, it was illegal for common people to own weapons. But still there were many ways for commoners to train.
- In villages, it was common to teach people self defense, as they were easy targets for bandits and renegade soldiers.
- They could also learn from travelling samurai, as the samurais relied on others for food and shelter, and in return they would give them lessons on different skills.

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Core Skills

When boys reached their teenage years, they could apply for formal training at a Ryu.

- Swordsmanship
- Spearmanship
- Archery
- Horseback riding
- Unarmed combat
- Swimming
- Musketry

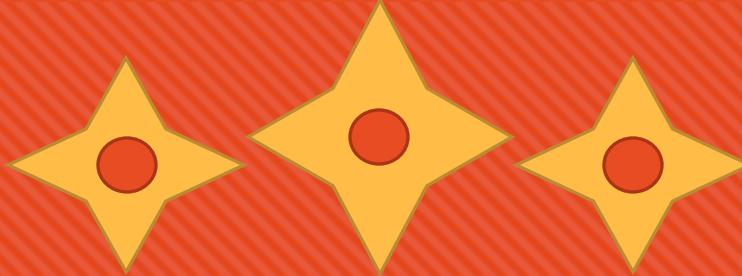
Weapons

- It is a misconception that samurais would use a **Katana**. They could even use a double or single edged sword. They could even use a long sword called the **Daito**, or a short sword called a **Wakizashi**.





Samurai Armor



Thank You



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