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It was called the Tale of Genji by Murasaki Shikibu, who was a lady of the court.

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The Jōmon component is estimated at somewhere under 25%. These women created a genre of their own that focused on the transitory nature of life. Over the course of the late sixteenth century, Japan was reunified under the leadership of the prominent daimyō and his successor.

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A European-style banking system was also introduced. An anonymous poem from 1500 describes the chaos: A bird with One body but Two beaks, Pecking itself To death. In 1603, declared Tokugawa Ieyasu shōgun, and Ieyasu abdicated two years later to groom his son as the second shōgun of what became a long dynasty.

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Simultaneously, liberal politics began to emerge, led by figures like Dr. Once in power, the new administration began by moving the capital of the country from Kyoto to Tokyo and dismantling the feudal regime. Initially, believers worshipped in the open or at sacred locations like forests.

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However, the most powerful men in the government were former samurai from Chōshū and Satsuma rather than the emperor, who was fifteen in 1868.

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There was no mobility or crossover allowed in this system, meaning a farmer could never rise to the position of samurai and a samurai had to commit his life to being a warrior and could not farm at all. Bureaucrats from the Fujiwara clan inserted themselves into various positions of power,

controlling policy and infiltrating the royal line by marrying their daughters to emperors. The Meiji Restoration had propelled Japan into the modern era.

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The clans that the Yamato allied with, which included the Nakatomi, Kasuga, Mononobe, Soga, Otomo, Ki, and Haji, formed what would become the aristocracy of the Japanese political structure. In 1203, her father, , was appointed regent to the shogun, Yoritomo's son. In 1333, launched a rebellion in the hope of restoring full power to the imperial court.

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Peasants were tied to their land the land of the aristocrats that the farmers worked on and were forbidden from doing anything unrelated to agriculture, in order to ensure consistent income for the aristocrats they worked for.

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