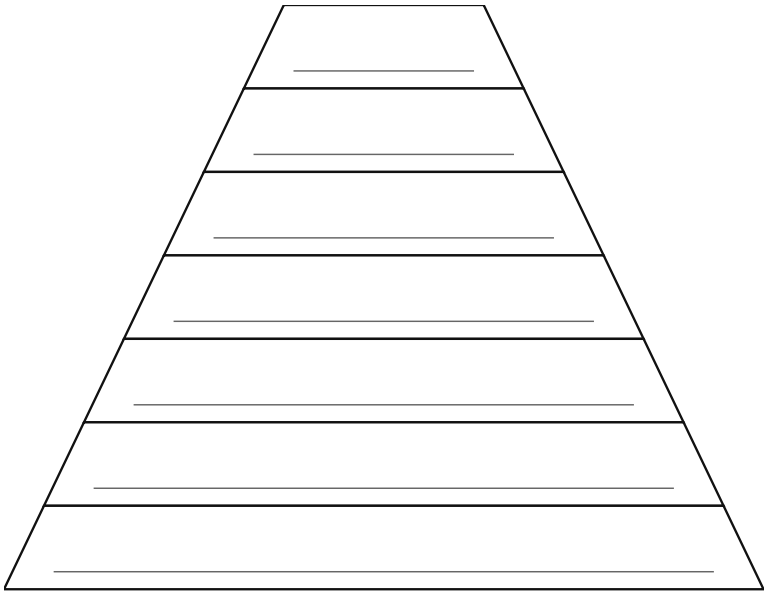
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WHO WAS WHO IN FEUDAL JAPAN

Use the clues to write each group in its place on the pyramid. This is the Tokugawa ideal order of about 1600 to 1868. Rank is not wealth: merchants were ranked last, but some grew rich.



GROUPS

- Peasants
- Emperor
- Shogun
- Samurai
- Merchants
- Artisans
- Daimyo

CLUES

A. Traders who bought and sold goods. Ranked lowest because they made nothing themselves, yet many grew rich.
B. Held the highest rank and was honored by all, at the court in Kyoto. But after about 1185 this ruler had little real power.
C. Warriors who served a lord with loyalty and fought for him, in return for land or rice counted in koku. One with no master was a ronin.
D. Craft workers who made swords, armor, tools, cloth and pottery, mostly in the towns.
E. Most people. They grew the rice that fed everyone and were honored for it, but they paid heavy taxes in rice.
F. The “great general,” the military ruler who really governed Japan. From 1603 the Tokugawa family held this title and ruled from Edo.
G. Great lords who ruled their own lands with their own warriors. Under the Tokugawa they had to live in Edo every other year.

1. **The emperor held the highest rank. Why did the shogun really rule?**

2. **Why were peasants ranked above artisans and merchants in this ideal order? Was the order the same as wealth?**

3. **Why might a ronin, a samurai with no master, have a hard life? Use clue C and the readings.**