

HIS114: World Civilization 2

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Japan

Who ruled? Toyotomi Hideyoshi

What rights did people have? The leader was able to rethink about the hierarchy values, the civilians did not have power, the Hideyoshi started disarm the population so they could have the power over them, cut all the external networking connections in order to remove the external religions influences

How was power distributed? Hideyoshi organized the power as peasants, merchants and warriors (the samurais).

Africa

Who ruled?dominant power Songhai empire

What rights did people have? Many people from Africa were sent to the Caribbean and Americas to supply the agriculture, or captured to be used in a domestic or household slavery and be removed from the functioning society.

How was power distributed? In Africa, Political monopoly of elites was controlling all the continent, causing wars between them increasing the merchant activity, this political competition increased social mobility. Europeans went o Africa and became the slave trade though African society.

Are the similarities or the differences more striking?

Between the Japan and African states societies there are many similarities over the civilization where the people did not have rights to choose how they want to live their lives, where the High hierarchy was choosing. The military armies in Africas differ sizes compared to Japan, where Africa did not have a concentrated agriculture to focus on their population due the Slavery trade mark that was happening at that time and not being able to focus on new technologies that was crucial for their development.