

# Ninja vs. Samurai Webquest

<http://people.howstuffworks.com/samurai.htm>

**Samurai Page 1:** Besides being warriors, Samurai were also known to be: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Samurai Page 2:** What are the 4 factors that define a samurai?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**Samurai Page 3:** Name at least 3 skills that Samurai had to learn about:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Samurai Page 4:** Describe 1 piece of Samurai armor in detail:

**Samurai Page 5:** The most famous Samurai weapon was the \_\_\_\_\_ which was never worn without its companion the \_\_\_\_\_. Other weapons that Samurai carried included the \_\_\_\_\_

**Samurai Page 6:** Bushido means \_\_\_\_\_ and under the Bushido, Samurai pledged their loyalty to \_\_\_\_\_.

Which religion was extremely popular with the Samurai? \_\_\_\_\_

**Samurai Page 7:** What was the Seppuku and when would it be performed?

**Samurai Page 8:** During the Tokugawa period, what rule made Samurai stand out as a class higher than common citizens?

During the Tokugawa period, since the Samurai were seldom in combat, what other roles did they take on?

**Samurai Page 9:** What happened in 1876 that marked the end of the Samurai?

# Ninja

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**Ninja Page 1:** Watch the video on Ninja weapons video. Write 1 fact about the ninja weapons

**Ninja Page 2:** Ninja got their inspiration for deception and sabotage from a Chinese philosopher. Who was he? \_\_\_\_\_ What book did he write? \_\_\_\_\_

Was the use of deception in battles popular to the Japanese? Why or Why not?

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**Ninja Page 3:** According to Japanese legend, \_\_\_\_\_ was considered to be the first ninja. However, instead of dressing in all black, he dressed as \_\_\_\_\_.

In another legend, \_\_\_\_\_ was a 13 year old swore to avenge his father's death. How was he able to take his revenge? \_\_\_\_\_

**Ninja Page 4:** Unlike Samurai, who would only be loyal to their daimyo, a ninja would hire themselves out as \_\_\_\_\_ fighting for whichever daimyo \_\_\_\_\_.

Unlike the Samurai, who practiced a strict code of loyalty called the \_\_\_\_\_, the ninja had a reputation for being disloyal. Besides being disloyal, ninja had another reputation for

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**Ninja Page 5:** Besides being espionage mercenaries, ninja also played other roles such as: \_\_\_\_\_

What was the primary role of a ninja? \_\_\_\_\_

How would daimyo try to protect themselves from ninja?

**Ninja Page 6:** What sorts of supernatural powers did ninja believe to have?

Why do you think ninja wanted to promote these mystical rumors about the ninja?

**Ninja Page 7:** Describe 1 component to ninja gear in detail.

**Ninja Page 8:** Where can you find modern equivalents of ninja?