

# Japan's Social Pyramid

Ruler in name only, but no real power  
Relied on Shogun for support

Emperor

Military leader of Japan  
People fought over title

Shogun

Served Shogun in exchange for land & power

Daimyo

Professional warriors  
Served Shogun/daimyo in exchange for food & money  
No real political power

Samurai

Samurai who acted as mercenaries  
Had little social status

Ronin

Largest class in Japan  
Low status & poor, but **seen as important** b/c they grew all the food

Peasant

Craftspeople  
Less respected than peasants b/c they didn't grow food

Artisan

Lowest class b/c they didn't make anything & grew rich from others' work

Merchant

# The Japanese Social Structure

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## **The Japanese Social Structure:**

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