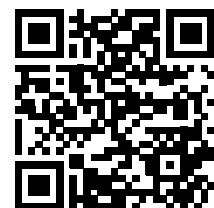


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Ancient Japanese Cities



In ancient Japan, _____ were not just places to live; they were centers of culture, religion, and economy. The _____ moved several times, with each new location contributing uniquely to Japan's _____. Nara, as one of the first permanent capitals, was a hub for _____ teachings and the arts. The city's layout was inspired by the Chinese capital, showcasing a grid _____ that facilitated administration and commerce. Another significant city, _____ (present-day Kyoto), became the center of Japanese culture and politics for over a thousand _____. This period, known as the Heian period, was marked by the flourishing of literature, _____ design, and architecture. Samurai warriors played a crucial role in protecting these cities and their inhabitants. The _____, or military leader, often had more power than the emperor, especially during times of _____. Cities like Kamakura and later Edo (now Tokyo) emerged as power centers due to their strategic _____ importance. Trade was vital in ancient Japanese cities, with _____ bustling with activity, selling everything from silk to samurai swords. Craftspeople and _____ lived in distinct quarters, each contributing to the city's economy. Festivals and _____ were important in city life, often held in temples and shrines, drawing people from across the _____ and countryside. These gatherings not only provided entertainment but also reinforced social bonds and _____ identity. Education was highly valued, with schools and libraries established in cities, preserving _____ and passing it on to future generations. Through these cities, ancient Japan laid the _____ of a society that values harmony, respect, and the pursuit of knowledge.

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