

Do you have a job, most honorable Daimyo?

**Purpose:** student will analyze and synthesize the most important characteristics of a samurai warrior, then compile a resume and cover letter to show understanding of the cross-curricular activity.

**Rationale:** students need to show understanding of Samurai warriors and Japanese feudal society for the unit on Japan and the Ohio Graduation Test.

**Essential Questions:**

- What made the Samurai Warriors for valuable?
- What were the Samurai most admirable traits/qualities?
- How did Samurai function in Japanese feudal society?

**Lesson Summary:** After learning about Japanese feudalism and the Samurai, students will write a resume and cover letter for a Japanese samurai warrior looking for a new daimyo to serve (hand out attached). The activity will serve as one of the units culminating activities. I work with English, or business teacher as they are teaching the how-to's of a cover letter and resume. It is a fun activity, which displays student's knowledge of both feudal society and the samurai, but the mechanics of a resume and cover letter as well. In addition, there will be another assessment, of the interview portion of the activity. Each student will compile 7-10 questions to ask another student in the Daimyo/Samurai interview process.

Lesson Time Line: Total – 5 with peer editing

- Give out activity, additional research on students chosen era (1 class period)
- Writing resume and cover letter outside of class (peer edit option will add 1 class period)
- Final products due 2 days after initial assignment given
- On the same day, interview take place

## Do you have a job, most honorable Daimyo?



Most brave and honorable Samurai,

You are a courageous and skilled samurai, who has served your daimyo well. Your loyalty has been proven repeatedly, and you have been rewarded handsomely through the years for your service.

Tragically, you have received word that your daimyo has died suddenly. You are devastated and saddened by the news. Consequently, to survive, you must find a new daimyo to serve; not an easy task. You will use a resume and cover letter to communicate with prospective daimyo in your job search.

In this resume, you will need to display your characteristics, abilities, skills, and ambitions to any prospective employers. Use historically accurate information about the samurai; choose a specific time frame in which to live, use ideas from the time period and reflect them in both your resume and cover letter. Make it as authentic as you can, using appropriate names, correct dates, even wars/battles you have fought in. This will require going back through our unit on Japan and perhaps additional research.

Use the following format to create your cover letter and resume.....

## **COVER LETTER:**

Your cover letter will demonstrate that you have general knowledge of your potential employer and position to which you are applying. Your cover letter will convince your potential employer that you are an excellent choice!

A cover letter should follow the format that has been established for professional business letters. This standardized cover letter format includes the following elements:

- Your contact information (either on a letterhead or typed at the top of the letter)
- Date
- Recipient's address
- Greeting (followed by a colon : and not a comma ,)
- Body (including opening and closing paragraphs)
- Complimentary closing (followed by a comma ,)
- Your signature
- Typed name
- Enclosure line (if you are including a resume)

## **RESUME:**

Include in your résumé the following information using the proper format from Business class.....

- Name
- Contact information
- Position desired
- Education
- Weaponry Skills
- Martial Arts Skills
- Award sand Honors
- Interests
- Career Objectives

Of course you may add other areas, but these are the one's which will be assessed.