

Tokugawa Social Roles and Memoirs

Using your notes from the film and the web site, create a brief fictional first person narrative account from the perspective of a person living in Edo in the 1600 - 1700s.

You can choose to be a farmer, samurai, daimyo, artisan, cook, geisha, merchant, writer, or shogun (using the [Japan: Memoirs of a Secret Empire Web site](http://www.pbs.org/empires/japan/index.html)).

Within the memoir, convey what daily life was like for a member of this group, how easy or difficult their lives may have been, what freedoms they may have enjoyed, etc.

Assessment of your entry will be based on your use of an authentic, first person narrative voice that incorporates facts and details from the video and website. Most people will find that one half page to a full page of single spaced, word processed text will be plenty of writing to accomplish this assignment successfully.

<http://www.pbs.org/empires/japan/index.html>

- 5 points: States and explains society member's role in society
 - Explains daily routine with a minimum of three examples
 - Explains the challenges of their lives with a minimum of three (3) examples
 - Explains the advantages of their place in society with a minimum of three (3) examples
- 4 points: States and explains their role in society
 - Explains daily routine with two to three (2-3) examples
 - Explains the challenges of their lives with two to three (2-3) examples
 - Explains the advantages of their place in society with two to three (2-3) examples
- 3 points: States their role in society
 - Explains daily routine with examples
 - Explains the challenges of their lives with examples
 - Explains the advantages of their place in society with examples
- 2 points: States their role in society
 - Explains daily routine with example(s)
 - Explains the challenges of their lives with example(s)
 - Explains the advantages of their place in society with example(s)
- 1 point: States their role in society
 - Explains daily routine, the challenges of their lives and/or the advantages of their place in society with examples