From Fires in Kyoto to “Warring States”

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Economic Development

- Dramatic increase in rice production
- New land
- New tools
- New methods
Emergence of Markets
Emergence of Guilds (Za)

- Demand for specialty products
- Organization of producers from 11 c.
- Protection from elites
- Sake brewers and storage houses=moneylenders
- New trades and crafts for women
Other Economic Developments

- Monetization of economy
- China/Korea trade
- Emergence of new cities
- **Sakai**
Muromachi Economy

- Trade continue to expand
- Kyoto thrives with exception
- Better transportation
- *Wakō, “Japanese pirates”*
Social Change

- Inheritance practices
- Increased ジトー pressure on farmers
  - 1260s~70s: peasant bands
  - いき (‘leagues’) = uprising
  - part of emerging trend of ゲkokujō (lower overturning those above)
Other Forms of Gekokujō

- Competition among merchants: new vs. old za
- Independent manufacturing and trade
- Rural communities
- Stratified inside: *myōshū* > tenant > workers
- Cultural developments: “monkey dance”
- Marginalized groups
  - *Eta* (‘much uncleanness’)
  - *Hinin* (‘non-people’)
- Towards the era of “Warring States”
Decline of Ashikaga Rule

- Reliance on shugo
- 1441: shogun #6 assassinated
- Bakufu lose control of shugo
- Shugo remain in Kyoto
How does Kyoto go up in smokes?
Ōnin War (1467-1477)

- Conflict between shugo
- Devastate Kyoto; conflict spreads beyond capital
- Sengoku: Era of “Warring States” (1467-1573)
- Gekokujō: shugo displaced; end of shōen
How Do You Survive A World That’s Falling Apart?

SJ T:

- “Precepts of the Warrior Houses”
  - pp. 425-427
- “House Precepts in the Sengoku Age”
  - pp. 427-432
Changes in Warfare

- Less individual
- Rise of massive armies
- *Samurai* as professional officers
- Rise of a few key daimyō, thanks in part, to new technologies

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Sengoku Daimyō

- 3 categories
- Former *shugo*, *shugo* deputies, upstarts
- Total autonomy in domains
- Stiff competition

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