

From Fires in Kyoto to “Warring States”

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Economic Development

- Dramatic increase in rice production
 - New land
 - New tools
 - New methods



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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



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- Sakai



Muromachi Economy

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



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Social Change

- Inheritance practices
- Increased *jitō* pressure on farmers
 - 1260s~70s: peasant bands
 - *ikki* ('leagues')=uprising
 - part of emerging trend of *gekokujō* (lower overturning those above)



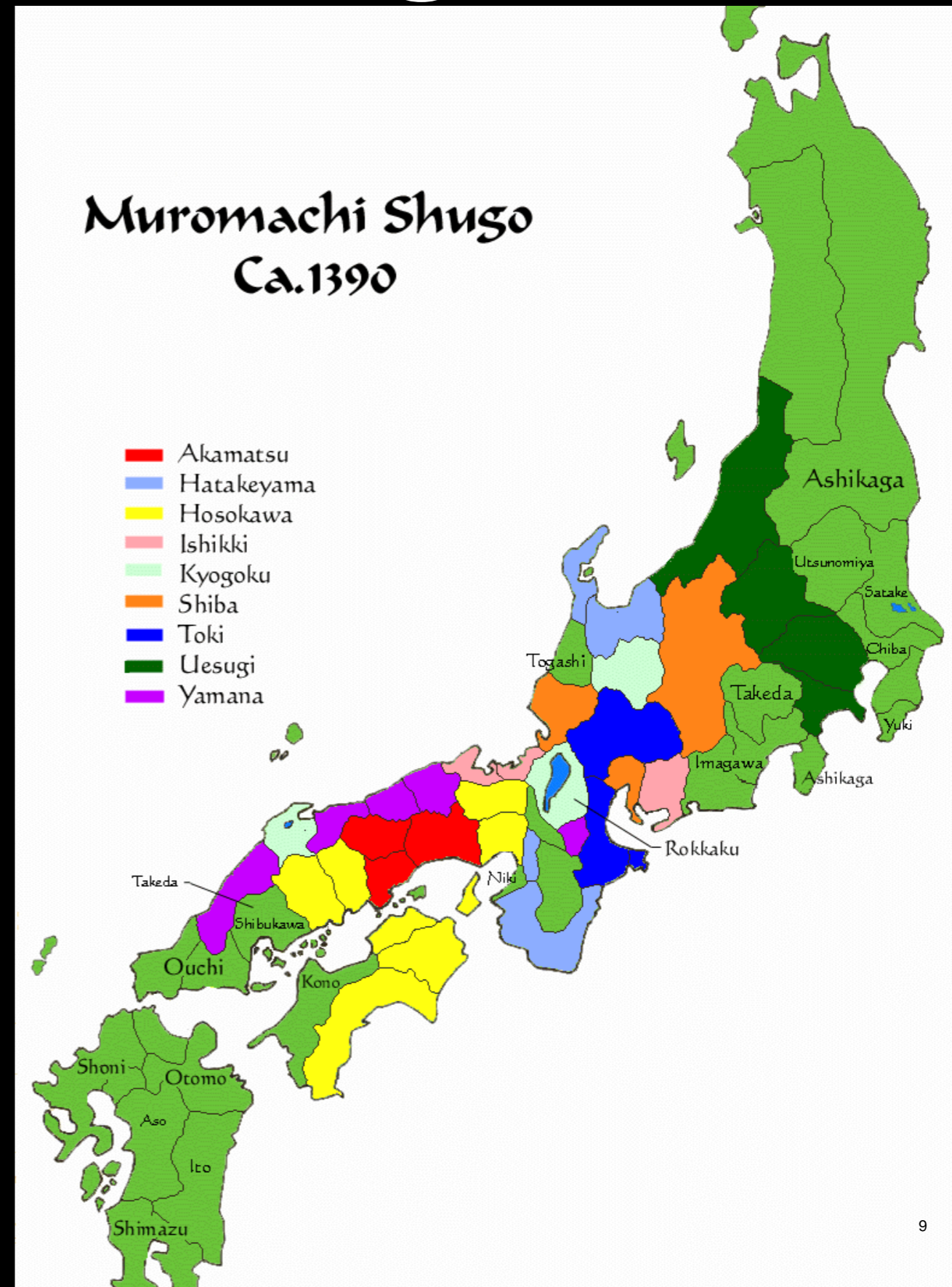
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Other Forms of *Gekokujō*

- 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?



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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*

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How Do You Survive A World That's Falling Apart?

SJT:

- “The Law of the Warrior Houses in the Age of War in the Provinces,” pp. 420-425
- “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



Sengoku Daimyō

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



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