Zen Buddhism
Warrior Values in *Heike*

- Never Retreat!
- Concern with Way of Death
- Announcing Names
- Concern with own Status and Fame
- Appreciation of arts?
Warrior Values (cont.)

- Brutality
- Loyalty
- Prowess in Battle
- Seppuku
- Style of Warfare
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Image of a samurai in armor.
Buddhist values in *Heike*

- Fate
- Mappô
- Nembutsu
- Mujô
- Karma
Historical Periods

• Kamakura Age (1185-1333)
• Muromachi Age (1333-1568)
  – Azuchi-Momoyama (1568-1600)
    • Oda Nobunaga, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, Tokugawa Ieyasu
• Edo Period (1600-1868)
End of Heian Period

• 1050-1185: Decline of Heian imperial system
  – Privatization of power
  – Conflicts in court
  – Increasing reliance on *bushidan*
  – Rise and Fall of Heike
  – Minamoto Yoritomo establishes Kamakura government
Buddhism

• Life is suffering, in the face of which humans are helpless
• Existence is transient and in perpetual flux
• Blind desire is root of illusion and suffering
• Enlightenment = freedom from lust and attachment
Buddhism in Kamakura Period

• Tendai and Shingon: dominant sects
• New Buddhists: Practice vs. Faith?
• Pure Land Buddhism
  – Honen and Shinran
• Nichiren Buddhism