Shoguns and Samurai

Directions: Reading for Accuracy  Reading the section and completing the activity below will help you learn more about the shoguns and the samurai of Japan. Use your textbook to decide if a statement is true or false. Write T or F in the blank, and if a statement is false, rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. During the Nara Period, the city of Heian was Japan’s capital and the center of government and religion. T

2. Like China, Japan used examinations to hire government officials. T

3. Japan’s government carried out a census to determine who had to pay taxes and serve in the army. T

4. Buddhism came to Japan from Korea. T

5. Nobles gave land to samurai who agreed to fight for them. T

6. Samurai were kept very wealthy so that they would remain loyal to their nobles. T

7. The Gempei War was a war between China and Japan. F

8. A shogun was a commander of all of the emperor’s military forces. T

9. The daimyo were loyal to the emperor so they did not create their own armies as nobles had done in the past. T

10. Feudalism is the bond of loyalty between a lord and his servant. T