**Chapter 27: Japan**

**Section 2 Vocabulary**

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| **New Word**  | **Definition** |
| Heian period | the era in Japanese history from A.D. 794 to 1185; arts and writing flourished during this time |
| samurai | professional soldiers of Japan |
| shogun | the leader of a military government of Japan beginning in 1192 |
| daimyo | powerful samurai who became warrior-chieftains |
| Tokugawa leyasu | shogun who unified Japan |
| Shinto | Japan’s original religion; involves worshiping gods believed to be found in nature  |
| clan | a group of families related through a common ancestor  |
| emperor | a ruler of an empire, which is a group of different territories or cultures led by a single all-powerful authority |