

## The History of Samurai

### Myth vs Reality

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Cut out the cards below and sort them into two groups – **myth** and **reality**.

Which of these statements are false, and which are true?

<p>Samurai were not just trained as warriors; they carried out <b>many other roles in society</b>.</p> <p>Some were government officials, scholars, teachers, artists, and even masters of tea ceremonies.</p>	<p>Samurai were <b>incredibly loyal</b>. They would <b>always serve the same lord's family</b> for their entire life.</p> <p>They were not afraid of death; they saw it as an <b>honour</b> to be able to die on the battlefield.</p>	<p>During the Edo Period, the samurai were considered to be <b>upper class members of society</b> who ruled over Japan.</p>
<p>Samurai worked for <b>lords</b> and <b>other important people</b> who they would serve and fight for in exchange for money.</p>	<p>Not all samurai were male – there were also <b>female samurai</b>, some of whom did train in <b>martial combat</b>.</p>	<p>Samurai were skilled swordsmen and <b>fought only using swords</b>. These swords were so sharp that they could cut through steel.</p>
<p><b>Tokyo</b> has <b>always</b> been the <b>capital city</b> of Japan.</p>	<p>Samurai were <b>honourable</b> fighters who followed <b>a set of rules</b> – a special <b>warrior code</b> known as <b><i>bushido</i></b> – both on and off the battlefield.</p>	<p>All samurai wore <b>fancy armour and helmets with incredibly detailed designs in battle</b>. They always wanted to look their best even when fighting!</p>

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