

Lecture 14

Family Feuds: the Taira and the Minamoto

0. Intro

- Growing power of warrior class
- A new locus of authority: the *bakufu*

1. The origins of the warrior class (*bushi*, *buke*)

- a. Nara period military units
- b. Nara-Heian professionalization: techniques and technology
- c. Heian period “dynastic shedding”

2. The (Ise/Kanmu) Taira (Heishi, Heike) and the (Kawachi/Seiwa) Minamoto (Genji)

- a. Aristocratic connections: patron & client (see handout)
- b. The Hôgen Conflict (1156)
- c. The Heiji Conflict (1159-60)

The Political Line-up in Kyoto, 1156-1160

	<p>Hōgen Conflict (1156) (begins with death of Toba-in)</p> <p>rebels LOSERS</p> <p>WINNERS</p>	<p>Heiji Conflict (1159-60) (begins when Kiyomori leaves for Kumano)</p> <p>WINNERS</p> <p>rebels LOSERS</p>
<p>IMPERIAL COURT</p>	<p>SUTOKU (retired emperor) age 37 exiled, died 1164</p> <p>brothers (elder-younger)</p> <p>GO-SHIRAKAWA (reigning emperor) age 29 succeeds to <i>in</i> in 1158</p>	<p>GO-SHIRAKAWA (<i>in</i>) age 32 remains <i>in</i> until death, 1192</p> <p>father-son</p> <p>NIJŌ (reigning emperor) age 16 died in 1165</p>
<p>FUJIWARA CLAN</p>	<p>YORINAGA (minister of the left) age 36 killed in battle</p> <p>brothers (younger-elder)</p> <p>TADAMICHI (regent) age 59 retires, died in 1164</p>	<p>MICHINORI (SHINZEI) (a monk) age: old escapes and commits suicide</p> <p>NOBUYORI (rival of Shinzei) age 23 killed in battle</p>
<p>MILITARY HOUSES</p>	<p>Minamoto no TAMEYOSHI age 60 supported by most of Genji condemned to death by son</p> <p>father-son</p> <p>Minamoto no YOSHITOMO age 33 Taira no KIYOMORI age 38 supported by most of Heike</p>	<p>Taira no KIYOMORI age 41 lives to age 63</p> <p>Minamoto no YOSHITOMO age 36 killed in battle</p> <p>(two decades later Kiyomori, and Yoshitomo's sons, YORITOMO and YOSHITSUNE, become the leading contenders in the Gempei War, 1180-85)</p>