

# PERMA-GUIDE



## **The Samurai's Tale**

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**Introducing Perma-Bound's PERMA-GUIDES TO LITERATURE**

To the teacher:

The PERMA-GUIDES TO LITERATURE series brings to your classroom a ready-made teaching unit based on the most popular titles from young adult literature. It is designed to extend your students' comprehension by bolstering thinking, analysis, speaking, listening, viewing, and research skills as well as by instructing them in composition, grammar, thematic application, character analysis, and vocabulary development. To aid you in planning a well-rounded unit of lessons, we provide the following:

- a synopsis of the work by chapter
- the author's life and works
- a bibliography
- a list of literary terms and applications
- objectives arranged by reading level
- post-reading activities and research topics arranged by reading level
- coordinated classroom aids arranged by reading level
- time line of Japanese history from the 500s through the 1800s

To assist you in meeting individual differences, PERMA-GUIDES TO LITERATURE offer a full range of reproducible exercise sheets designed by experienced classroom professionals. Here is the lineup of eighteen activity sheets for *The Samurai's Tale*:

**At-Risk Reading Level**

Prereading Exercises  
Character Descriptions  
Character Development  
Words in Context  
Scene of the Action  
Way of the Samurai

**On-Grade Reading Level**

Understanding Background Terms  
Character Identification & Relationships  
Point of View  
Theme Identification  
Father Figures  
Word Search Review

**Enriched Reading Level**

Understanding Japanese Customs and Life  
Writing with Figures of Speech  
The Samurai Code  
Character Development  
Analyzing Dialogue  
Elements of the Erik Christian Haugaard Novel

These labels do not preclude mixing and expanding each level with sheets from the other two levels. There are also six tests (Tests 1-2 for At-Risk, 3-4 for On-Grade, and 5-6 for Enriched), located with the reproducible materials. The teacher's resource manual includes six forms of alternative assessments, two for each level.

Sincerely,

Kathy Sammis

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ACTIVITY SHEET 16 — Character Development

A. Taro/Harutomo does a lot of growing and learning in the course of the novel, as he moves from status to status. Explain what he learns in each of these stages or episodes of his life.

1. becoming an orphan
2. servant to the cook Togan
3. stable-boy
4. messenger for Lord Akiyama
5. "master of rice," aide to Wada Kansuke, commander of the baggage train
6. a young samurai who fights Hanagata Minbu
7. suitor of Aki-hime
8. secret messenger from Iwamura Castle to Lord Katsuyori
9. survivor of the slaughter at Iwamura Castle

B. Describe the ways in which Taro/Harutomo benefits from his friendship with Yoshitoki.