

History of Swords: Reading Comprehension

(Personal Engagement)

Create and share a google doc entitled **Sword Reading.Your Name.MYP 9**. Paste the following questions into your google doc. Use the reading found on the class website to answer these questions. All questions are either “fill in the blank”, short answer (use a complete sentence) or both.

1. What has been called by many the “Queen of the weapons”?
2. The sword is a weapon that had been developed mainly for _____.
3. When or where was stabbing also an important use?
4. Identify three sword classifications based on geography.
5. On what two continents did metal swords fail to develop?
6. What did the Aztecs stud their wooden swords with?
7. Describe the typical European sword.
8. Where was the curved sword developed?
9. How many groups based on form does the author identify? Give an example of one group.
10. What are the two subcategories of the two edged straight sword?
11. What is a sword called that requires the use of both hands? Give an example.
12. Leaf-shaped swords were dominant during which era? Give an example of a country in which leaf-shaped swords have been found.
13. Some believe that this sword shape is a fusion of what two earlier battle implements?
14. One of the most famous swords was the Roman glades for its name gave rise to the term "gladiator". How long was it?
15. How are “Late Celtic Period” swords characterized?
16. Describe the craftsmanship of the Viking sword. How long was it?
17. What was the main change in sword design in the 9th century?
18. What was the standards sword carried into the battles of the Middle Ages, between 11th and 14th century?
19. How did the fact that knights began to wear heavier armor impact the continued evolution of the sword?

20. The most famous Scottish sword was a two-handed sword called the _____, an English word derived from the Gaelic word "claidheamh mòr" meaning "great sword". How much did it weigh?
21. What advantage did the basket-hilt have?
22. The only straight and double-edged sword that was in use in Japan is the _____.
23. A slender and sharply pointed sword that was used for thrusting attacks is called a _____. It was very popular in Europe between 16th and 17th century.
24. Where was the Falcata sword found? How many edges did it have?
25. Describe the two curved classes of one-edged swords.
26. Where and when was the cutlass sword developed?
27. What sword was typical of the East and especially Islam?
28. What does the phrase "cruciform shape" mean? On what continent was this shape typical?
29. Where was the Parang sword used? What was it used for?
30. Describe the sword used by ancient Egyptian warriors including the Pharaoh.
31. What does the German sword name Kriegsmesser mean? What did it look like?
32. How were Japanese swords grouped?
33. What was the most popular Japanese sword called? Who wore it?
34. What was the executioner's sword used for? Why is it considered "eccentric"?
35. Find a photograph of a sword type named in the text and paste it into your google doc. Label the photo with the name of the sword. Describe its unique characteristics.