

Topic: *World War II—Japan*

Class: *World History*

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**Passage or Quotation
from the Text/Visual**

The Japanese brought up the tradition of self-sacrifice in hopes to put off their loss of war.

These kamikazes will be rewarded as heroes.

Kamikazes did this for pride and wrote letters to their families before death.

The kamikaze saw himself as the new samurai warrior who was devoutly loyal to the emperor.

They were simply adolescents who were forced into a life of strict discipline and rules. They were not crazy people; they were forced to do this.

“They came like a plague of moths.”

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Student Responses

Self-sacrifice was an “honorable” thing to do. The Japanese leaders knew this so they used it to their advantage. (analysis)

How many young men were persuaded into committing suicide for their country? (question)

I’m curious to know how their families felt about their sons or husbands becoming kamikaze pilots. (reaction)

It is an honor to be brave and fearless, so the kamikaze saw themselves protectors of their emperor and traditions. (response)

This could be similar to what might happen in the war with Iraq. We already know that they do suicide bombings. (connection)

In this simile, the Americans were referring to the Kamikaze pilots. (analysis)