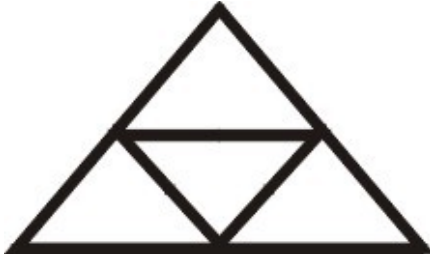




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TEAM BRIEFING - HOJO CLAN



Hojo Ujiyasu is the leader of the Hojo Clan, following his father Ujitsuna, who raised the fortunes of the clan to control three provinces.

The Hojo are a diamyō family descended from Taira Sadamori.

In its current form, the Hojo date from the first of the name; Hojo Nagauji who died over thirty years ago when the current lord was 4. The home province for the clan is IZU (and has been for over fifty years).

The clan controls the following provinces:

SAGAMI	3 points rice tax
KAZUSA	3 points rice tax
KOZUKE	9 points rice tax
MUSASHI	8 points rice tax *
	2 points cash trade taxes on the port of Edo
IZU (Home province)	1 point rice tax

	28 points

* this is at half value, because it has just been captured.

The Recent Past

Hojo Ujiyasu has been the lord for ten years (since the death of his father). In seven years ago, the Uesugi Clan allied with the Imagawa Clan to attack you.

Ujiyasu's brother Tsunanari defended a border fort against the Imagawa Clan while Ujiyasu defeated, in succession the Uesugi Clan commanders, Uesugi Tomosada, Uesugi Norimasa and Ashikaga Haruuji.

Norimasa was driven into Echigo Province. As a result of this campaign, the clan has just taken Musashi Province from the Uesugi Clan.

TEAM MEMBERS

HOJO UJIYASU (36) - Clan leader

HOJO TSUNANARI (35) - Leader's brother and clan general (Taisho).

HOJO UJIMASA (13) - leader's son and heir, aged 13, but keen to join in battle.

TATAOKI MIMAYAKI (60) - Loyal clan chamberlain who served the clan under Ujiyasu's father.

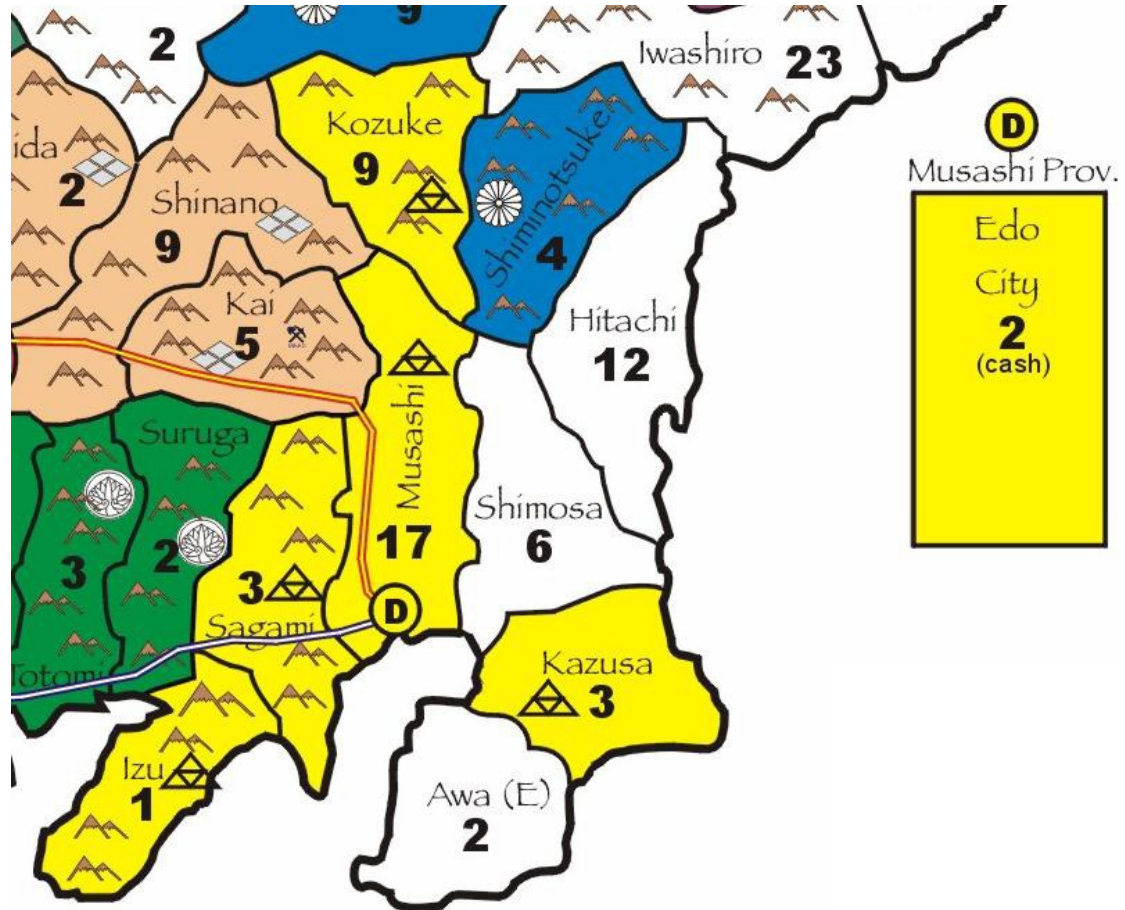
NARITA TAKASHI (25) - a loyal samurai



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HOJO-CONTROLLED PROVINCES

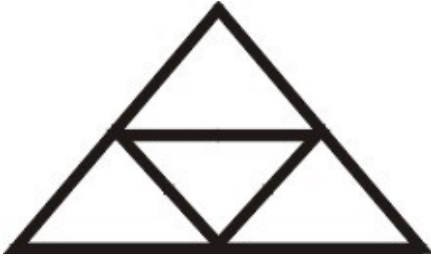




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Personal Briefing : HOJO TSUNANARI



You believe that now is the time of greatness for the clan

The Shogun is a snivelling weakling, and the various other Daimyo are disorganised and fight for only local advantage.

You could see your Lord as Shogun, if only he will pursue the cause and defeat his enemies.

Your personal objectives are therefore:

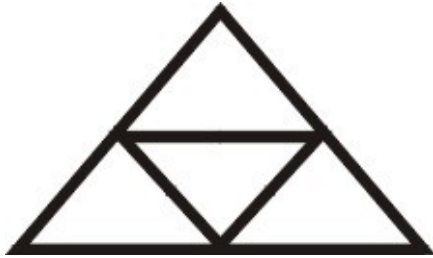
- a. encourage and support your Lord in a bid to become Shogun.
- b. To increase the standing of your clan substantially.
- c. To ensure that your clan is the strongest and most respected in Japan.
- d. To never, never, stand for insults from your inferiors (which is just about anyone from another clan).



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Personal Briefing : HOJO UJIMASA



You know that now is a time of great danger to the clan.

The lack of strong central control from the Shogun has meant that powerful and aggressive Daimyo are constantly fighting amongst

themselves, often to extinction.

You do not want this to happen to your clan - the destruction of your clan by one or more of these rapacious warlords would not only be a bitter thing, but would disgrace the names of your ancestors. You do not wish this.

Your personal objectives are therefore:

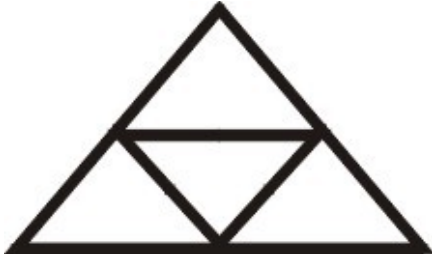
- a. To ensure that the clan survives at all costs.
- b. To encourage your Lord to avoid all adventures that might put the clan and its current holdings at risk.
- c. To ensure that the clan does nothing that would disgrace the names of its ancestors.
- d. You would like to increase your standing in the clan also - but obviously this should not be at the expense of the greater good of the clan itself.



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Personal Briefing : TATAOKI MIMAYAKI



You are a great traditionalist. You believe in the absolute power of your Lord, have total loyalty to him, and through him to the Emperor (may he live for 1000 years).

Honour is not just the most important thing, it is the *only* thing.

You avoid the dishonourable, do the honourable, and be ready to die at all times.

Your personal objectives are:

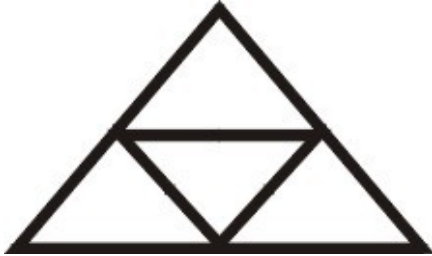
- a. Obey your Lord in all things - no matter what.
- b. Gain honour for your Lord by your actions.
- c. Gain honour for your clan by your actions
- d. If necessary, die an honourable death rather than be dishonoured, or fail in your objectives.



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PERSONAL BRIEFING DAIMYO HOJO UJIYASU



You are the leader of the Hojo Clan, following his father Ujitsuna, who raised the fortunes of the clan to control three provinces.

You are dedicated to continuing the improvement to the clan's status started by your grandfather, the great Hojo Soun - who started with virtually nothing at the end of the last century.

As a result you plan to carve out a greater slice of eastern Japan, and you are not bothered who you annoy in the process.

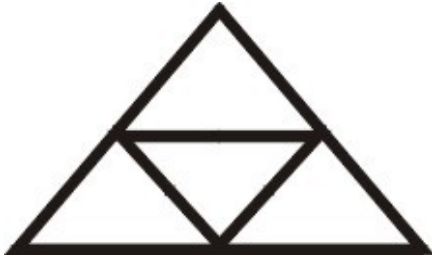
You regard the Uesugi - hitherto strong - as a weak clan, and ripe for dismemberment.



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Personal Briefing : NARITA TAKASHI



Times are hard for the samurai class, and this clan in particular. Merchants and peasants seem to grow fat while the honest warrior risks his life defending them and their homes in the many wars.

The common folk do not understand the privations of the warrior - they think that because you have a mansion and servants and horses and followers that you are a rich man - but what are riches? Only fleeting things that pass only too quickly (especially when you have a mansion, servants, horses etc. to maintain). You feel that the commoners are getting rich on these wars, and that you should join in on this general atmosphere of wealth creation.

Your personal objectives are therefore:

- a. To ensure that you clan becomes and remains very wealthy.
- b. To ensure that you personally become very wealthy.
- c. That samurai from other clans become poorer (preferably in meeting objective b. above).