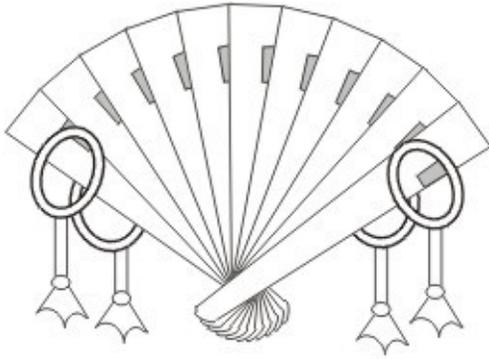




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TEAM BRIEFING - AKITA CLAN



The Akita are a family of diamyō descended from Abe No Sadato the traditional ruler of Mutsu province in the eleventh century. The Akita Clan have ruled in Dewa for over a century, secure in the hilly valleys of this part of Japan.

The current lord is Akita Yoshisue

The clan controls the following provinces:

DEWA **15 points of rice tax**

Recent History

The Dewa province stronghold of the Akita clan has been threatened from time to time from the south by the powerful Uesugi Clan, but this has never amounted to much. Relations with the Date clan in Mutsu are very friendly at present.

The Akita clan are great traditionalists and are content to keep what they have and to avoid entanglements with the power struggles of other clans.

Team Players

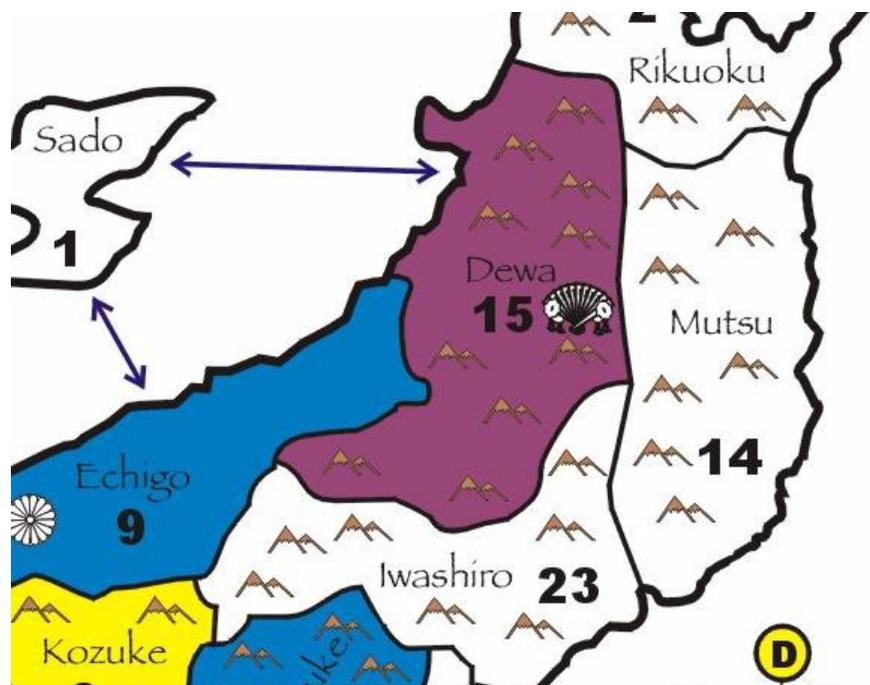
AKITA YOSHISUE (46)
Clan lord.

AKITA SANESUE (23)
Son of Yoshisune and Heir.

ONODERA ICHINARA
(31) Clan General.

KAMITA MICHIFUSA
(51) Chamberlain.

OKUBO MASANOBU
(26) A loyal Samurai

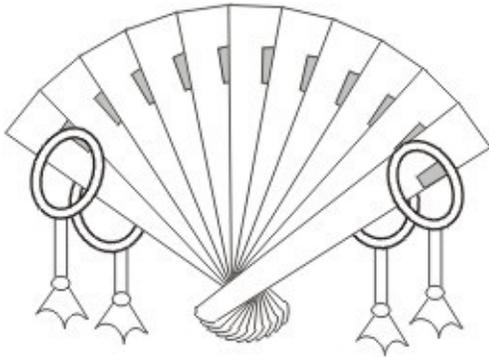




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PERSONAL BRIEFING : CHAMBERLAIN KAMITA MICHIFUSA



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).

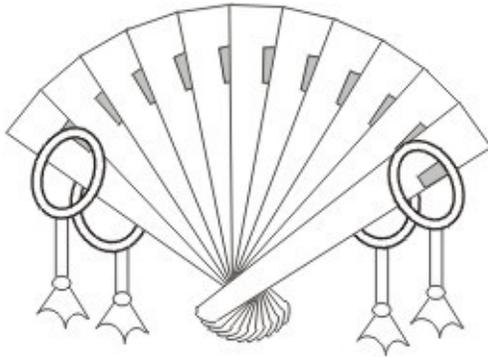


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PERSONAL BRIEFING:

GENERAL ONODERA ICHINARA



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.

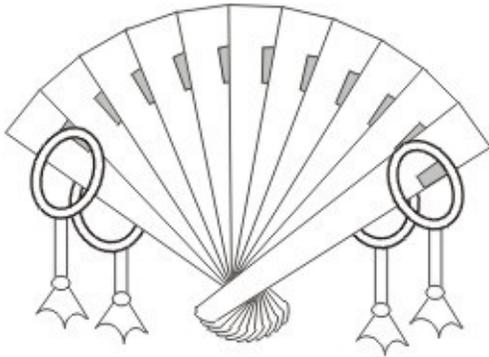


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PERSONAL BRIEFING :

DIAMYO AKITA YOSHISUE



The Akita clan are great traditionalists and are content to keep what they have and to avoid entanglements with the power struggles of other clans.

You plan to keep it that way, by ensuring that no clan threatens the traditional lands in Dewa.

Your personal objectives are therefore:

- a. To ensure that the clan survives at all costs.
- b. To ensure that the clan does nothing that would disgrace the names of its ancestors.

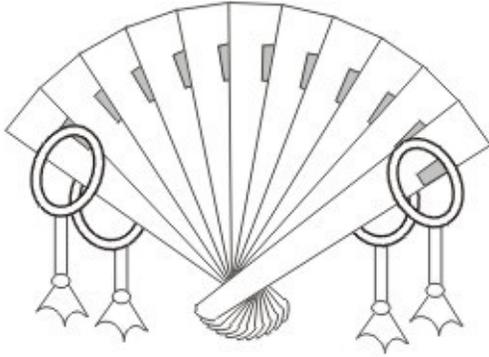


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PERSONAL BRIEFING:

HEIR AKITA SANESUE



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.

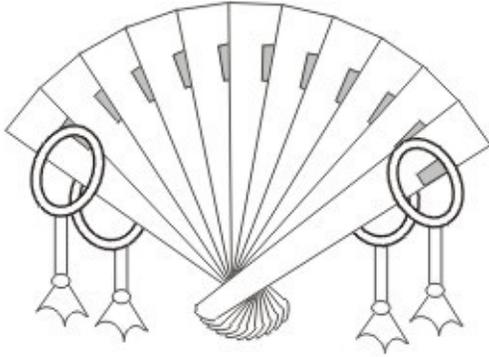


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PERSONAL BRIEFING:

SENIOR RETAINER OKUBO MASANOBU



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