

In medieval times, Japan was ruled by mighty warlords.

They fought each other for land.

They went to war to win power.

Every warlord gathered an army of warriors around him.

These fearsome fighters were trained from childhood.

They were skillful and brutal.

They had no fear of death.

We face each other on the battlefield.
Two proud samurai.

My body aches from fighting.
My armor is thick with blood.

The need for revenge
burns in my heart.



We face each other on
the battlefield.

Two proud samurai.

The battle rages around us.

No other man will join our
fight, though.

That is not the samurai way.

Revenge burns in my heart.

Here is where
it ends.



SAMURAI

What's next?

AND SO IT BEGINS AGAIN ON YOUR OWN



At the end of the story, the enemy general's son sees his father killed by the book's main character. The ending sets up the story for a sequel—just like in some movies! Using words

and sentences from the book, write a sequel. Imagine you are the enemy general's son.

How do you get your revenge?

THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR

ON YOUR OWN / WITH A PARTNER / IN A GROUP

Samurai lived by a code, or set of rules. What rules do you think people should try to live by in our modern world? How would these rules make life better?

Try writing a code for life in the 21st century.

