Japanese Samurai – Making Inferences

Directions: Read the information about the Samurai on pgs. 342 & 343 and use it to answer the following questions:

1. What are some similarities & differences between Japanese samurai & European knights (p.382 for comparison)?
2. How might the code of the Samurai help them in battle?
3. What does the text suggest about the lives of Japanese aristocrats?
4. What does the image of Lady Tomoe Gozen reveal about samurai weaponry?
5. What do the colors & patterns of the warrior’s armor & weapons reveal about samurai culture?

Part 2: Read & examine the chart on pg. 361 and answer the following questions:

1. What are the similarities between feudalism in Europe & feudalism in Japan?
2. Today, does the United States have a system of social classes? Support your answer with evidence.