



Key Characters (alphabetical order)

- Akiko – daughter of Dāte Hiroko and niece of Masamoto
Chiro - maid to Hiroko
Dāte Hiroko – Akiko’s mother and sister of Masamoto
Dokugan Ryu – Dragon Eye, one-eyed ninja and Jack’s sworn enemy
Emi – daughter of *daimyo* Takatomi Hideaki
Father Lucius – Portuguese Jesuit Priest
Goro – thin wiry boy, friend of Kazuki
Harumi – girl contender in Circle of 3
Hiroto – friend of Kazuki
Hosokawa Yuudai – sensei of *Kenjutsu*
Jack Fletcher – hero of the Young Samurai
Jiro - son of Hiroko, little brother to Akiko
John Fletcher – father of Jack
Kamakura Katsuro – *daimyo* of Edo (Tokyo) and founder of the *Yagyu* school
Kano Sensei – teaches Art of the Bo - blind
Kazuki – student rival of Jack
Kiku – Akiko’s best friend and daughter of a *Zen* Priest
Kuma-san – Masamoto’s trusted samurai captain
Kyuzo Isamu – sensei of *Taijutsu*
Masamoto Takeshi – samurai swordmaster and founder of the *Niten Ichi-Ryū* school
Moriko – girl samurai from *Yagyu* school
Nobu – Kazuki’s friend and accomplice
Oda Satoshi – father of Kazuki
Raiden and Toru – the Seto twins from *Yagyu* school
Saburo – the talkative friend of Jack
Tadashi – boy with ½ moon eyebrows
Taka-san – samurai warrior in service of Hiroko
Takatomi Hideaki – *daimyo* of Kyoto and governs Japan on behalf of the Emperor
Tenno – first son of Masamoto
Uekiya - gardener
Yamada Izumi – sensei of *Zen*
Yamato – second son of Masamoto
Yori – the quiet, mouse-like friend of Jack
Yosa Hoshi – sensei of *Kyu-jutsu* - *female*