

100 Decisive Battles from Ancient times to the Present by Paul K Davis

Battle of Sekigahara – 21 October 1600

I. **Vocabulary:** **1st:** Guess what the word means from context **2nd:** Look up each definition

Subservient Scions Impregnable Revelation Degenerated Turncoat
Linear Reminiscent Duplicated

II. **Forces engaged** – who fought and who were the leaders

III. Historical Setting

1. In the late 12th century, who started to challenge the emperor's power and the battle of Dannoura resulted in who becoming the shogun?
2. Why did Oda Nobunaga want to be the power behind the shogunate?
3. When did Toyotomi Hideyoshi unify Japan, who did he defeat, and where did he move the Japanese capital to?
4. What two places did Ishida Mitsunari have to control in order to challenge Tokugawa's power?

IV. The Battle

1. Why did some daimyo distrust Ishida and what did Tokugawa do to those daimyo?
2. Why didn't Shimazu Yoshihiro come to the aid of Ishida's falling right side?
3. Which 2 commanders decided to change from Ishida's side to Tokugawa?
4. What might be the reason why Shimazu decided to move his center force after Ishida decided to make a run from the battlefield?

V. Results

1. The battle of Sekigahara was considered a what for Tokugawa and what finally enabled him to exercise unquestionable rule over Japan?
2. What were the only 2 ports open to outsiders and they were open to what 2 countries?
3. What is a ronin, why did the samurai as a class decline and it forced them to do what?
4. What caused the shogunate to be overthrown and it was called what?