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**Group 2: The Making of Japanese Swords**

Directions: In your small group, read through the printout of “[Making a Masterpiece](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/samurai/swor-01.html)” (or read as an interactive resource on computer). Afterwards, discuss and jot down notes for the following question. Be ready to share your insights with your classmates later.

Source: Chaddha, Rima and Audrey Resutek. “Making a Masterpiece.” *Secrets of the Samurai Sword*. NOVA. 2007. URL: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/samurai/swor-nf.html

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| Discussion: What were the three most important reasons why Japanese sword-making was so rigorous and time-consuming? Be prepared to share your insights with your classmates later.1.2.3.  |

