History of Japanese Gardens Part 2

Kamakura period (鎌倉時代)
Muromachi period (室町時代)
Azuchi-Momoyama period (安土桃山時代)

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After exploring the great pond gardens of the Heian period, we reach the Kamakura period. Let's see how the gardens changed in this time of great political changes.

When with Fujiwara Yorimichi the Fujiwara clan began to loose power and the Taira clan gained more, Fujiwara clan and Minamoto clan collaborated against the Taira but lost every fight until Minamoto Yoritomo won during the Genpei war. This war was fought mainly between the Taira and the Minamoto family. At the end of the war in 1185, Minamoto no Yoritomo received the title of Shogun and established a samurai reign in Kamakura. In Kamakura period appeared a second great wave of Chinese influence, which brought the Zen Buddhism to a rise. A first evidence of Zen in Japan is found during the Nara period, but no school was formed. However, it was somehow included into the Tendai School by Dengyō Daishi, scholar of Gyōhyō who learned Chan-Buddhism from the Chinese monk Dao-xuan.