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Shinto and Taoism

Instructions: Complete the short answer questions below to the best of your ability. Feel free to use the Internet or other resources (including each other) for research. I highly suggest you avoid Wikipedia and similar sites as they often contain unreliable or incorrect information. The first three questions relate to Shinto and the second three questions relate to Tao.

1. What is a Torii Gate? What is its purpose?
2. Who or what is Kami? What role does Kami play in Shinto beliefs?
3. Pick one of the following two Shinto rites: Imi or Harae. What does the name of the rite mean, and how is it generally practiced?
4. What is the Tao Te Ching? Why is it important?
5. What is Chi (or Ch’i)?
6. Taoists revere the ‘eight immortals’, which are a common thread throughout Chinese society. Pick one of the immortals and describe his or her significance. Their names are:

* He Xiangu
* Cao Guojiu
* Li Tieguai
* Lan Caihe
* Lü Dongbin
* Han Xiangzi
* Zhang Guolao
* Zhongli Quan