The Great Council of State, presided over by the Chancellor (Dajō-daijin), who controls the great officers of state, as follows:

- Minister of the Left (Sadaijin); the Senior Minister, in charge of all branches of administration
- Minister of the Right (Udaijin); the Junior Minister, deputy for the Sadaijin

4 Great Councillors (Dainagon)

3 Minor Councillors (Shōnagon)

Controller of the Left (Sadaiben)

Controller of the Right (Udaiben)

4 Ministries

1. The Ministry of the Centre or Mediate Office (Nakatsukasa), forming the channel from the Throne to the administration
2. The Ministry of Ceremonial (Shikibushō)
3. The Ministry of Civil Affairs (Jibushō)
4. The Ministry of People’s Affairs (Minbushō)

1. The Ministry of Military Affairs (Hyōbushō)
2. The Ministry of Justice (Gyōbushō)
3. The Ministry of the Treasury (Ōkurashō)
4. The Ministry of the Imperial Household (Kunaishō)
Principal Characters in *Genji monogatari*

- Emperor loves Lower Ranking Lady
- Fujitsubo
- *Genji*
- MINISTER OF THE LEFT
- MINISTER OF THE RIGHT
- To-no-chujo + Yugao ('wild carnation')
  - Tamakazura (their daughter)
- Reizei Emperor
  - (supposed to be Genji's brother, really his son)

Genji's Ladies
- Wife = Aoi (daughter of Mims of Left), mother of Yugiiri
  - Rokujio Lady
  - Utsusemi
  - Suetsumuhana
  - Yugao (Evening Faces)
  - Murasaki
  - Akashi Lady
  - Third Princess
  - loves Kashiwagi

Next Generation of Characters:
- Setting = moves from Kyoto to Uji (outside of Kyoto)
- Kaoru
  - (supposed to be Genji's son, really Kashiwagi's)
  - Oigimi - dies
  - + Ukifune - tries to drown herself

Prince Miou
- (Genji's grandson)