**Samurai Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The Japanese samurai explained - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/year-8-samurai-reading/)

1. What were the four social classes in Japanese society during the feudal period?
2. What weapons were samurai trained in?
3. When did the samurai first appear in Japan?
4. What was the original meaning of the word "samurai"?
5. Who did samurai theoretically exist to serve?
6. Who did samurai actually serve in practice?
7. What was the role of the daimyo in employing and controlling samurai?
8. What was the bushido code?
9. What were samurai expected to do for their daimyo?
10. What were the different ranks of samurai during the Edo period?
11. What was the ultimate goal of samurai training?
12. What did samurai mental and spiritual training involve?
13. What happened to samurai who had no daimyo to serve?
14. Who was Miyamoto Musashi?
15. What was the Meiji period?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*How did the development of the samurai social class* [change](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/change-and-continuity/) *Japanese society?*