**WWII POWs in the Pacific Reading Questions**

Read the article below and answer the following questions:

[The brutal experience of being a WWII POW in the Pacific - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-10/wwii-pows-in-pacific-reading/)

1. When did the war in the Pacific begin?
2. What event brought the United States into the Pacific War?
3. Who were the main combatants in the Pacific War?
4. Why did the Japanese take prisoners of war?
5. Did the Japanese military adhere to the Geneva Convention of 1929? Explain.
6. What was the Japanese military code of Bushido, and how did it influence the treatment of POWs?
7. Name two infamous POW camps in the Pacific.
8. What was the Bataan Death March?
9. What were the Sandakan Death Marches?
10. Who were some of the nationalities of the Allied POWs captured by the Japanese?
11. What was Omori Camp known for?
12. What was unique about Ofuna Camp?
13. What challenges did POWs face after their liberation?
14. Why is it important to remember and honor the stories of these POWs?
15. What was the Selarang Barracks Square Incident?
16. What was the estimated number of soldiers and civilians killed in the Pacific theater during the course of the war?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*Why were prisoners of the Japanese in WWII treated so harshly?*