**Ancient Japanese History Viewing Questions**

Watch the video below and answer the following questions:

<https://youtu.be/b4hctHC7Qao>

1. Why is ancient history before the 6th century AD in Japan difficult to study?
2. What are the four main islands of Japan?
3. Describe the climate differences between Hokkaido and the Ryukyu Islands.
4. What does "Jomon" mean in Japanese?
5. What major changes occurred during the Yayoi period in Japan?
6. Who were the dominant clan during the Yamato period?
7. What is significant about the introduction of Buddhism to Japan in 552 AD?
8. What major legal code was established during the Nara period?
9. What literary work, considered the world's first novel, was written during the Heian period?
10. How did the Fujiwara clan influence the Japanese imperial court?
11. What prompted the end of the Fujiwara clan's influence?
12. What was the significance of the Genpei War?
13. Who became the supreme military leader of Japan after the Genpei War?
14. Why did the Mongol invasions of Japan fail during the Kamakura period?
15. What led to the fall of the Kamakura shogunate in 1333?
16. What was the name of the period that followed the Yamato period?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*What were the most important* [changes](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/change-and-continuity/) *of the Heian period of Japanese history?*