**Intro to Japan Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Introduction to Japan Reading - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/year-8-intro-to-japan-reading/)

1. When did Japan start developing a centralized system of power?
2. When was the first permanent capital city established in Japan, and what was it called?
3. What are the first Japanese histories called?
4. How was Buddhism introduced to Japan?
5. When was the capital moved to Heian-kyō (modern-day Kyoto)?
6. Which period of Japanese history began with the establishment of the Heian-kyō capital?
7. Which clan controlled the emperor during the Heian period?
8. What was the name of the powerful Fujiwara leader who ordered the emperor to do his bidding around 1016?
9. What was the name of the social class that emerged to protect landowners' farms and houses during the Heian period?
10. When did Emperor Go-Sanjo reassert the emperor's supreme authority?
11. What was the system of control used by Go-Sanjo and subsequent emperors called?
12. Which warlord from the Taira clan seized power in 1156?
13. What was the name of the war between the Taira and Minamoto clans?
14. Who was the gifted military leader that led the Minamoto clan to victory in the Genpei War?
15. What title was given to Minamoto Yoritomo by the emperor?
16. In which city did Yoritomo establish the new capital, marking the beginning of the Kamakura shogunate?
17. What period of Japanese history marked the rise of the samurai class, the spread of Zen Buddhism, and the establishment of feudalism in Japan?
18. When did the Kamakura shogunate end?
19. What was the brief period of imperial rule restoration called that followed the fall of the Kamakura shogunate?
20. Which shogunate was established in 1336, after the Kemmu Restoration?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, 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?*