**Japanese Society Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Japanese Society Reading - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/year-8-japanese-society-reading/)

1. Who was on the lowest rung of the Japanese class system?
2. How much of the population did the Samurai class make up?
3. What could a Samurai do if a peasant didn’t bow to them?
4. Who did the daimyo answer to?
5. Why were farmers so important?
6. Who avoided mixing with the merchants?
7. How did a person become the shogun?
8. How much power did the emperor have?
9. Why were some people considered ‘below’ the social classes in Japan?

**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 four different classes of Japanese society and who was in each one?*