**Edo Period Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The Edo Period - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/year-8-edo-period-reading/)

1. In what years did the Edo Period take place?
2. What is another name for the Edo Period?
3. Who was the founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate?
4. What is the present-day name of the capital city of Edo?
5. How did Tokugawa Ieyasu come to power?
6. Who was the second Tokugawa shogun?
7. Who was the third Tokugawa shogun?
8. What did the shogunate system do for Japan?
9. Which countries were allowed to trade with Japan during the Edo Period?
10. What city did the Dutch trade with Japan in during the Edo Period?
11. What was the social hierarchy during the Edo Period?
12. What percentage of Japan's total population were peasants during the Edo Period?
13. What did the samurai class study during the Edo Period?
14. What led to the rise of the merchant class in Japan during the Edo Period?
15. What were some popular forms of entertainment during the Edo Period?
16. What caused the stagnation of the late Edo Period?
17. How did Iemitsu contribute to Japan's isolationism?
18. How did the role of the samurai change during the Edo Period?
19. What were some of the ideas and goods that the Dutch brought to Japan?
20. What was the purpose of the sumptuary laws during the Edo Period?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*In what ways did the role of the Samurai class change during the Edo Period of Japanese history?*