**Intro to Japan Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the questions that follow:

[Overview of Japan Reading - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-intro-to-japan-reading/)

1. How is much of Japan's history before the 6th century AD described?
2. When did Japan start developing a centralized system of power?
3. In which year did the Japanese emperor establish the first permanent capital city?
4. Where was the first permanent capital city of Japan?
5. What were the first Japanese histories called?
6. Why were the Kojiki and Nihon Shoki significant?
7. Which religion became popular in Japan around this time?
8. Why was the capital moved to Heian?
9. Which period of Japanese history began with the move to Heian?
10. Who controlled the emperor at the new capital city?
11. How did the Fujiwara clan influence the imperial court?
12. Who were hired by landowners to protect their properties?
13. What significant change did Emperor Go-Sanjo make in 1068?
14. What was the 'Insei government'?
15. Who seized power in 1156?
16. Which two clans fought in the Gempei War?
17. Who led the Minamoto clan to victory over the Taira?
18. What title was given to Yoritomo by the emperor?
19. Where did Yoritomo set up a new Japanese capital city?
20. What period began with Yoritomo setting up the new capital at Kamakura?

**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?*