# Meiji Restoration Reading Questions Worksheet

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

<https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-meiji-restoration-reading/>

1. What is the Meiji Restoration?
2. How long was Japan isolated from the rest of the world before the Meiji Restoration?
3. Who forced Japan to open its ports to trade in 1853?
4. Why were many Japanese people dissatisfied during the time of the Tokugawa Shogunate?
5. Who came to power in 1867 and what significant event did this mark?
6. Name one key cause of the Meiji Restoration.
7. What was the Charter Oath and when was it issued?
8. What were the three institutions promoted by the Charter Oath to aid modernization?
9. What was one of the most significant achievements of the Meiji period in terms of governance?
10. How did the Meiji period impact the urban landscape of Japan, particularly Tokyo?
11. What change in education occurred during the Meiji period?
12. What motto did Emperor Meiji direct the movement with?
13. What was the purpose of the Iwakura Mission in 1871?
14. What significant document was promulgated in 1889?
15. What were the two houses of the Japanese Diet?
16. Who made up the House of Peers and the House of Representatives?
17. What power did the emperor have over the Diet's decisions?
18. How did the Meiji Constitution impact Japan's status?
19. What marked the end of the Meiji Period?
20. What role did the Diet play in the new Japanese democracy?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*How did Japan change in order to modernise during the Meiji Era?*