**Second Sino-Japanese War Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The 2nd Sino-Japanese War explained - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-2nd-sino-japanese-war-reading/)

1. When did the Meiji Restoration begin in Japan?
2. What did Japanese nationalists want for their country in addition to technological advancement?
3. Which country did Japan first fight in its imperial expansion?
4. What territories did Japan gain control of after the First Sino-Japanese War?
5. Who did Japan go to war with in 1904?
6. What region did Japan take control of after the Russo-Japanese War?
7. Who became the emperor of Japan in 1926?
8. What was the 'Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere'?
9. What was the real intention behind the 'Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere'?
10. What economic event in the 20th century led to increased support for military and nationalist leaders in Japan?
11. What incident in 1931 gave Japan a reason to invade Manchuria?
12. How did the League of Nations respond to Japan's aggression in China?
13. What was Japan's reaction to the League of Nations' demand?
14. Which countries did Japan form alliances with in the mid-1930s?
15. When did the Second Sino-Japanese War begin?
16. What event during the Japanese invasion of China resulted in the deaths of 200,000 to 300,000 Chinese civilians?
17. Why did the United States stop trading with Japan in the late 1930s?
18. What was Japan's response to the economic pressures and halted trade?
19. What significant event in December 1941 marked Japan's aggressive expansion in the Pacific?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*What did Japan do in order to create the Greater East Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere?*