Samurai Viewing Worksheet

Using the video below, and answer the following question:

<https://youtu.be/SIh8E23VDRo>

1. When did the Samurai first appear in history?
2. What was the original meaning of the word 'samurai'?
3. Who did the Samurai primarily serve in reality?
4. Who held the real political power in feudal Japan?
5. What is the Bushido Code?
6. Name three of the seven core virtues that defined samurai behavior.
7. What were Samurai called when they wandered freely without a daimyo to serve?
8. How was the Samurai's armor, known as "yoroi," designed?
9. What is the significance of the "katana" in the Samurai's weaponry?
10. Which war marked the beginning of Samurai-led governance in Japan?
11. What was the outcome of the Battle of Sekigahara in 1600?
12. What were some of the cultural pursuits of the Samurai during times of peace?
13. How did Zen Buddhism influence the Samurai's life?
14. Why did many lower-ranking Samurai face economic challenges during the late Edo period?
15. What was the significance of the Boshin War of 1868-1869?
16. How did the Meiji Restoration impact the Samurai?
17. What was the Haitorei Edict?
18. In what year was the Samurai class officially abolished?
19. How did the values of Bushido continue to influence Japan after the abolition of the Samurai class?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in the video, answer the question below in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What role did samurai play in Japanese feudal society?*