

# Guided Reading

## Civilizations of Korea, Japan, and Southeast Asia

### Lesson 2 *Early Japan*

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTION

*How does geography influence the way people live?*

### Geography and Settlement

- 1. Describing** In the appropriate columns below, describe the ways in which the mountains and islands of Japan influenced its development as a nation.

How Japan's Geography Influenced Its Development	
Mountains	Islands

- 2. Identifying** Where did the first settlers to Japan come from? When did they arrive?

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- 3. Summarizing** What innovations did the Yayoi people bring to Japan?

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### Shinto: Way of the Spirits

4. **Defining** What is *animism*?

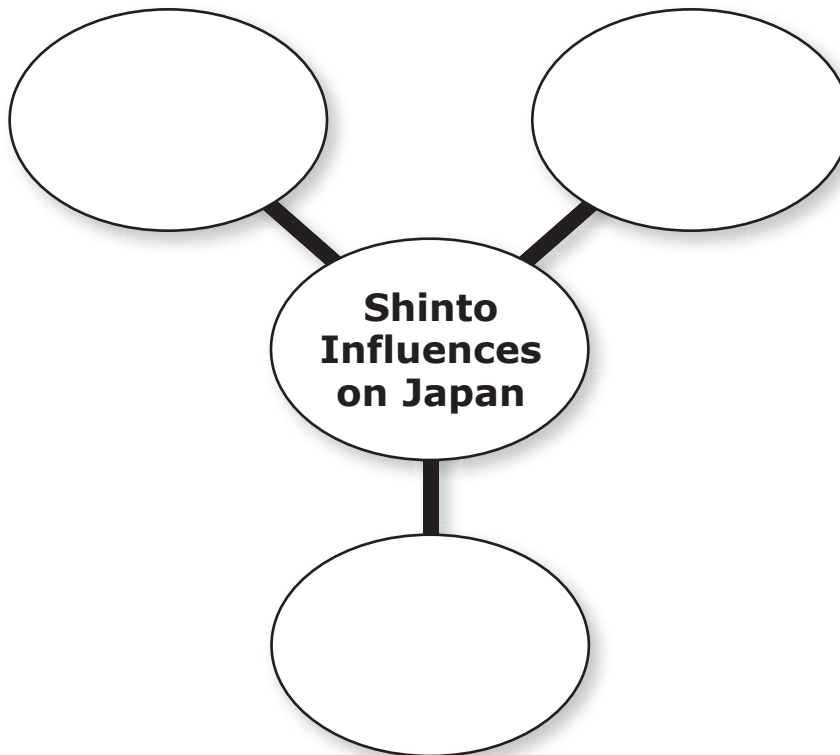
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5. **Identifying** Why were the *kami* important to the early Japanese?

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6. **Analyzing** Fill in the diagram below to answer the following question: How did the practice of Shinto influence the Japanese people?

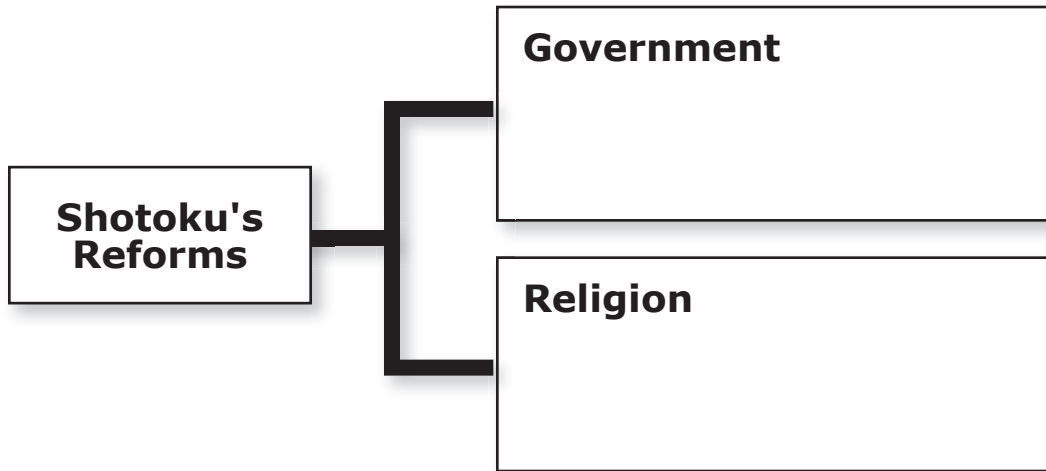


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### Prince Shotoku

**7. Summarizing** Fill in the diagram below by listing Shotoku's main reforms.



**8. Explaining** What was the Taika?

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**9. Determining Cause and Effect** What was the result of the Taika reforms?

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### The Nara Period

**10. Comparing** How would you describe the new capital city, Nara?

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**11. Assessing** How did Buddhism reach Japan?

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