

Reading and Questions

Read the Introduction through page 17 of *Life in Ancient Japan* by Hazel Richardson. These pages cover the geography and early history of Japan, including information about the clan system and government of early Japan.

1. How does the *Kojiki* say that Japan was created?

2. How did the Jomon people get their name?

3. What were the *uji*?

4. How did the Emperor Kotoku appease the clan leaders who objected to a centralized government run by the emperor?
