

Writing Prompt 1: “The Name of the Land” in English as part of homework

You have learned about the three different names for the land we now call Hokkaido: **Ainu**, **Mosir**, **Ezo-gashima**, and **Hokkaido**. Each name reflects the perspective of the people who used it. Write a short English essay addressing the following:

Part 1: Analyze Different Perspectives

Explain who used each name and what it reveals about their relationship with the land. How do these names reflect different ideas about **ownership, identity, and power**?

Part 2: Reflect on Your Experience

Think about your own language learning. Have you ever learned a Japanese word or concept that changed how you see something you already knew? Describe that experience. How did it **reframe** your perspective?

Part 3: Conclusion

Based on your analysis and reflection, what do these examples teach us about language? Explain how words do more than just describe; they **shape our understanding** of history and power.