**Roman Government Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[A brief history of the Roman Republic - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-7/year-7-roman-republic-reading/)

1. Before 509 BC, who ruled Rome?
2. What were magistrates?
3. Who were the Patricians?
4. Who were the Plebeians?
5. Who did the plebeians vote for?
6. What new political position was created that only plebeians hold?
7. How long did a consul rule for?
8. Which magistrate was responsible for organising entertainment and festivals in Rome?
9. How many quaestors were elected every year?
10. What did the plebeian tribunes have to do?
11. What was the job of the Senate?
12. When the republican system ended in 27 BC, who held most of the power in the Roman Empire?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*How did patricians get positions of power in the Roman government?*