**Old Kingdom Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[An overview of Old Kingdom Egypt - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-old-kingdom-reading/)

1. When did the Old Kingdom period in ancient Egyptian history last?
2. Who is believed to have founded the first dynasty of Egypt?
3. What type of tomb was built before the introduction of pyramids?
4. Which Pharaoh commissioned the construction of the Step Pyramid at Saqqara?
5. Who was the architect of Djoser's Step Pyramid?
6. What was the first successful smooth-sided pyramid and who built it?
7. Who built the Great Pyramid at Giza?
8. What is the Greek historian Herodotus' description of Khufu?
9. Who built the other two pyramids at Giza?
10. Why were the pyramid tombs located on the west side of the Nile River?
11. Why did the Old Kingdom period come to an end around 2150 BC?
12. Who was the last of the great pharaohs of the Old Kingdom period?
13. What period began after the collapse of the Old Kingdom?
14. Who was one of the most important deities during the Old Kingdom period?
15. What are the Pyramid Texts and what do they signify?
16. Which complex was dedicated to Ra and his cult during the Old Kingdom?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*What were the most important elements of the Old Kingdom?*