**Conquest of Italy Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[How did the Roman Republic conquer Italy? - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-conquest-of-italy-reading/)

1. What did ancient historians claim was the motivation for Rome’s wars of expansion?
2. What motivation may Roman consuls have had to initiate wars?
3. What role did the animal herds of the Gauls and Samnites have in these wars?
4. According to fetial law, why did Rome only want ‘defensive wars’?
5. What god did the Romans adopt from the city of Veii?
6. What did Rome introduce in 406 BC?
7. What did the Gauls do to the city of Rome in 390 BC?
8. What did the Latin cities gain out of the Latin War?
9. How many wars did Rome fight against the Samnites?
10. What benefit did the new manipular army structure have that the old phalanx system didn’t have?
11. What happened at the Caudine Forks in 321 BC?
12. What did the third treaty with Carthage show about Rome’s power in 306 BC?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*What were the major stages of Rome’s conquest of the Italian peninsula?*