**Conflict of the Orders Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The Conflict of the Orders explained - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-conflict-of-the-orders-reading/)

1. What does the word *imperium* mean, and which class of Roman society held it?
2. What was the ‘struggle of the orders’ basically about?
3. Why did the patricians need the plebeians?
4. Where did the plebeians retreat to in 494 BC to force political change?
5. What does ‘sacrosanctity’ mean?
6. What did another withdrawal of the plebs (also known as a ‘secession’) achieve in 448 BC?
7. What did the Canuleian Law of 445 BC allow for the first time?
8. What did the Licinian-Sextian laws enforce?
9. In 287 BC, what power was given to the Council of the Plebeians?
10. How did patricians start using the adoption rules to their own political advantage?
11. What new social group developed within Roman society?

**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 the plebeians achieve legal equality with the patricians?*