**Caesar’s Civil War Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Caesar's Civil War: Ancient Rome destroys itself - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-caesar-civil-war-reading/)

1. What were the two political factions in the Roman Senate in the last 100 years of the Roman Republic?
2. Who were some notable figures from the populares and the optimates?
3. What was the First Triumvirate?
4. How did Caesar protect himself from prosecution by the Senate?
5. What event marked the beginning of the civil war between Caesar and Pompey?
6. What strategic decision did Pompey make in response to Caesar's march toward Rome?
7. How did Caesar respond to Pompey's troops preparing to attack from Spain?
8. What event led to the decline in public opinion towards Caesar in Italy?
9. What was the outcome of the Battle of Pharsalus?
10. How did Pompey die?
11. What was Caesar's relationship with Cleopatra?
12. What did Caesar do in response to a threat from Pontus?
13. How long did resistance against Caesar continue after Pompey's death?
14. When and where was Caesar able to finally defeat the remaining resistance?
15. What were the underlying causes of the civil war between Caesar and Pompey?
16. What eventually happened to the Roman Republic's political system after Caesar's death?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*How did Julius Caesar win the civil war against Pompey?*