**Nero Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Was Nero really Rome's most evil emperor? - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-nero-reading/)

1. During what years did Nero rule Rome as emperor?
2. What was Nero’s original name?
3. Why did Nero change his name?
4. When was Nero adopted as emperor Claudius’ heir?
5. Why were Nero’s early years considered a mini ‘golden age’?
6. How did Nero try to remove his mother, Agrippina, from his life?
7. How did Britannicus die?
8. What were two failed ways that Nero tried to kill his mother?
9. How did Agrippina die?
10. What happened to Nero’s first wife, Octavia?
11. What happened to Nero’s second wife, Poppaea?
12. How much damage did the Great Fire of Rome cause?
13. Who did Nero blame the fire upon?
14. What was the Golden Palace?
15. What did the Senate declare about Nero?
16. How did Nero die?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*Why was Nero considered a villain?*