**Roman Religion Reading Questions**

Read the following web page and answer the questions that follow:

[Roman gods, goddesses, and religious beliefs - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/roman-religion-reading/)

1. What is Ancient Roman religion?
2. What were the roots of Ancient Roman religion?
3. What is syncretic character?
4. Why did Ancient Roman religion have a syncretic character?
5. What was the earliest form of Roman religion?
6. What were the cults of the lares and penates?
7. What were some of the gods and goddesses associated with agriculture, fertility, and the seasons?
8. What were some of the most famous Roman gods and goddesses?
9. What was the role of priests in Ancient Roman religion?
10. What were some of the duties of priests in Ancient Roman religion?
11. Who were often drawn to become priests in Ancient Rome?
12. What were temples in Ancient Roman religion?
13. What was the significance of visiting a temple in Ancient Rome?
14. What were some of the most famous Roman religious festivals?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*What was the role of religion in Roman society, and how did it evolve over time?*