**Rise of the Church Source Analysis**

Read the sources at the link below and answer the following questions:

[Early Church History Sources - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/early-church-sources/)

1. According to Source 1, during the reign of what Roman emperor was Jesus born?
2. According to Source 1, From which royal “lineage” was Jesus descended?
3. From what [perspective](http://www.historyskills.com/source-criticism/analysis/perspective/) is Source 1 potentially written?
4. According to Source 2, what [motivated](http://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/motives-and-historical-empathy/) Nero to blame Christians for the fire of Rome?
5. According to Source 2, what are some of the ways that Christians were tortured and killed? Provide a [direct quote](http://www.historyskills.com/quoting/direct-quotes/) to support your answer.
6. According to Source 2, what was the [consequence](http://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/causes-and-consequences/) of Nero’s treatment of the Christians?
7. How [reliable](http://www.historyskills.com/source-criticism/evaluation/reliability/) do you think Source 2 is of the events he describes? Make sure you justify your answer with some information about [the time the source was created](http://www.historyskills.com/source-criticism/analysis/time-of-creation/).
8. [Summarise](http://www.historyskills.com/quoting/indirect-quotes/) Pliny’s primary concerns in Source 3:
9. [Summarise](http://www.historyskills.com/quoting/indirect-quotes/) Trajan’s main points of advice in Source 3.
10. What [bias](http://www.historyskills.com/source-criticism/analysis/bias/) about Christians does Source 4 seem to contain? Provide a [direct quote](http://www.historyskills.com/quoting/direct-quotes/) to support your answer.

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you’ve discovered in your source analysis, answer the question below in paragraph format:

*How have attitudes to Christians changed over time?*