**1916 Battles Reading Questions**

Read the following web page and answer the following questions:

[Significant WWI Battles of 1916 - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-1916-battles-reading/)

1. How long had the conflict of World War One been raging by the beginning of 1916?
2. What did the failed offensives and the aborted Gallipoli campaign lead British commanders to seek?
3. What was the main strategy believed by both sides to win the war in 1916?
4. What was the outcome of this strategy in terms of death counts and success?
5. When did the Battle of Verdun begin and end?
6. Why was Verdun a symbol of the nation's pride for France?
7. What was General von Falkenhayn's strategy in attacking Verdun?
8. What was the outcome of the Battle of Verdun?
9. How many men were killed or wounded in the Battle of Verdun?
10. Why did the British army want to engage in the Battle of the Somme?
11. When did the Battle of the Somme begin and end?
12. How many casualties did the British army suffer on the first day of the Battle of the Somme?
13. What new technology was used for the first time during the Battle of the Somme?
14. What was the outcome of the Battle of the Somme?
15. Why was the Battle of Fromelles significant for Australian troops?
16. What was the purpose of the Battle of Fromelles?
17. How did the battles of 1916 change the perception of trench warfare?
18. What was the significance of the year 1916 in World War One?

Paragraph Writing

Based upon what you’ve learnt in your readings, answer the question below in paragraph format:

*What are the similarities and differences between the battles of Verdun and the Somme?*