**East India Company Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[A brief history of the British East India Company - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-east-india-company-reading/)

1. For how many years was the British East India Company one of the most powerful organisations in the world?
2. What was the primary goal of the East India Company when it was founded?
3. On what date was the East India Company founded?
4. Who issued the company with a Royal Charter?
5. In which year did the East India Company build its first trading posts in Bantam and Moluccas?
6. Who was the Mughal Emperor to whom King James I sent a request for the British East India Company to enter Indian territory?
7. By 1647, how many factories had the East India Company established in India?
8. Name three main commodities sought by the company during its early operations in India.
9. In which year did King Charles II pass laws to strengthen the British East India Company's position in India?
10. Who were the sepoys?
11. On which date did the British East India Company defeat the Nawab of Bengal in the Battle of Plassey?
12. What was the significance of the Battle of Plassey for the British East India Company?
13. What was the 'Company Rule'?
14. How many troops did the British East India Company have under its command by 1857?
15. What event marked the end of the British East India Company's rule over India?
16. In which year did the British government take over control of India from the East India Company?
17. What period of Indian history began after the dissolution of the East India Company?
18. How long did the British Raj last?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*What were the* [*causes and consequences*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/causes-and-consequences/) *of the East India Company’s involvement in India?*