**Suez Crisis Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The Suez Crisis: Nasser's gamble and a failed top-secret Cold War agreement - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/suez-crisis-reading/)

1. When did the Suez Crisis take place?
2. What is the significance of the Suez Canal in global trade?
3. Why did Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalize the Suez Canal?
4. Which three countries launched a military intervention during the Suez Crisis?
5. Why did Britain have a controlling interest in the Suez Canal in the late 19th century?
6. Who was ousted from power in Egypt in 1952, leading to the rise of Gamal Abdel Nasser?
7. What was the Baghdad Pact of 1955?
8. How did Nasser respond to the Baghdad Pact?
9. Why did the United States and Britain withdraw their financial support for the Aswan High Dam in 1956?
10. What was the immediate consequence of the nationalization of the Suez Canal for Egypt's economy?
11. On what date did Israel initiate the conflict by invading the Sinai Peninsula?
12. What was the official justification given by Israel for its invasion?
13. How did the international community, particularly the United States, view the tripartite intervention by Britain, France, and Israel?
14. What role did the United Nations play in managing the crisis?
15. By when had all foreign troops left Egyptian soil following the Suez Crisis?
16. What was the immediate impact of the Suez Crisis on Britain and France's global influence?
17. How did the Suez Crisis affect Israel's diplomatic standing?
18. How did the Arab world view Nasser after the Suez Crisis?
19. When was the Suez Canal reopened after the crisis?

**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 the Suez Crisis a* [*significant*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/significance/) *historical event?*