**Women in Ancient Rome Reading Questions**

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

[Daughters, wives, mothers: What was life like for women and girls in ancient Rome? - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/ancient-roman-women-and-girls/)

1. What was the role of women in ancient Roman society?
2. Describe the concept of 'paterfamilias' in ancient Rome.
3. How did the legal status of women in ancient Rome reflect the society's views on gender?
4. What kind of education did girls in ancient Rome receive?
5. What marked the transition from girlhood to womanhood in ancient Rome?
6. What were Roman women's responsibilities after marriage?
7. How did Roman law affect women's rights and protections?
8. Explain the economic roles of women in ancient Rome.
9. How did women influence Roman politics despite legal restrictions?
10. Why was women's attire important in ancient Rome?
11. What role did the 'stola' play in indicating a Roman woman's marital status?
12. How did women's contributions to the family and society in ancient Rome vary by their social status?
13. What legal changes during the late Republic and Imperial era affected women's autonomy?
14. Describe the significance of hairstyles and cosmetics for Roman women.
15. How did Roman women's education and upbringing prepare them for their future roles?
16. In what ways did enslaved women contribute to the Roman economy?
17. How did elite Roman women use their wealth and status in society?
18. What was the impact of the Oppian Law protest led by Roman women?
19. Who was Cornelia Africana, and why is she remembered?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*How did women manage to exert influence within their society despite the patriarchal constraints?*