**Cortez Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Cortez Reading - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/year-8-cortez-reading/)

1. Within how many years did the Spanish conquer the Aztec empire?
2. Between which cities was the Triple Alliance formed?
3. What happened to those who were captured by the Aztecs during war?
4. Why did some native American tribes side with the Spaniards when they arrived?
5. Who sent Cortez to the mainland of Central America?
6. How many men did Cortez have with him?
7. What were two of Cortez’s possible motives?
8. Why was Malinche a significant person to Cortez’s expedition?
9. What was Montezuma’s first response to the Spanish?
10. In what year did Cortez head for Tenochtitlan?
11. What weapons had the Spanish used to defeat other local tribes?
12. What did the Spanish do to Montezuma?
13. Why were other Spanish troops sent to arrest Cortez?
14. What happened to some of the Spanish who were left in Tenochtitlan?
15. What happened to Montezuma?
16. What happened on the ‘Sad Night’?
17. What did Cortez build to help in his siege of Tenochtitlan?
18. When did Tenochtitlan finally fall to Cortez?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*How was Cortez able to conquer the Aztec empire?*