**Federation Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Federation Reading - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-9/year-9-federation-reading/)

1. When did Australia become a nation?
2. How was Australia governed before Federation?
3. Why did the colonies of Australia decide to unify?
4. What were the disadvantages of the colonies remaining separate?
5. What is a tariff and why did it discourage trade between the colonies?
6. Why did the colonies need to combine their armies?
7. What was the concern about immigration?
8. Why was railway tracks an issue?
9. What was the importance of a single post office system and telegraph?
10. What was the significance of national identity to the Federation of Australia?
11. When was the draft constitution created, and who was involved in its creation?
12. What did the colonies do before voting on the constitution?
13. What did representatives of the colonies do in London, and what was the result?
14. Who was the first Prime Minister of Australia, and what was his role after Federation?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*Why did the Australian colonies want to federate?*