**Minoans and Mycenaeans Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Who were the Minoans and the Mycenaeans? - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-minoans-and-mycenaeans-reading/)

1. When did the Minoan civilisation exist?
2. What was the name of the archaeologist that rediscovered the culture?
3. Why did this archaeologist call them the ‘Minoans’?
4. What other ancient cultures did they trade with?
5. What two written languages did they use?
6. What were the large palace structures used for?
7. What does the absence of walls around the town suggest?
8. What was responsible for the destruction of the palaces on a number of occasions?
9. What animal seemed to be of special importance to the Minoans?
10. What are some of the potential causes for the end of the Minoans?
11. What cultural features did all Mycenaean cities share?
12. What was a *megaron*?
13. What was a *wannax*?
14. How large could Mycenaean walls be?
15. Where have Mycenaean goods been found?
16. How did the Mycenaeans bury their dead?
17. When did the Mycenaean civilisation end?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*In what ways were the Minoan and Mycenaean cultures similar and different?*