**Ancient Athens Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The rise of Ancient Athens - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-athens-reading/)

1. According to the article, who was the first ruler of Athens?
2. How did Athena become the patron goddess of Athens?
3. What was the most important religious building in the city of Athens and to whom was it dedicated?
4. When was Athens believed to have been first inhabited?
5. What was the first great law code of Athens and who was responsible for it?
6. Who was Solon and why was he significant in Athenian history?
7. Who was Pisistratus and what was his contribution to Athens?
8. Who helped the Athenians expel the tyrant Hippias?
9. Who is credited with the birth of democracy in Athens?
10. What were the three main political bodies in Athenian democracy?
11. What mechanism was introduced to prevent any one person from becoming a tyrant in Athens?
12. Who were the strategoi in Athens?
13. What was the outcome of the Battle of Marathon?
14. What was the Delian League and why was it formed?
15. Who were some of the most famous ancient Greeks who lived in Athens during its 'Golden Age'?
16. What was the Peloponnesian War and what was its outcome?
17. Who were the 'Thirty Tyrants'?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*What were the main stages of Athens’ transition from a city ruled by rich aristocrats, to a democracy?*