**Battle of Salamis Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[A detailed summary of the Battle of Salamis - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-salamis-reading/)

1. When did the Battle of Salamis take place?
2. Who were the opposing forces in the Battle of Salamis?
3. Who was the Persian leader during the Battle of Salamis?
4. Who was the Greek leader during the Battle of Salamis?
5. What was the outcome of the Battle of Salamis?
6. What previous battle inspired King Xerxes I to seek revenge against the Greeks?
7. What was the strategy employed by Themistocles during the Battle of Salamis?
8. What was the main offensive weapon on a Greek trireme?
9. How did Themistocles trick Xerxes on the night before the battle?
10. Why did the larger size of the Persian force become a disadvantage during the battle
11. How did Xerxes react to the unfolding of the battle?
12. What were the consequences of the Battle of Salamis for the Greeks and Persians?
13. What did Xerxes do after the Battle of Salamis?
14. Who did Xerxes leave in charge of the Persian forces in Greece after he left?
15. What did the Persian navy do after their defeat at Salamis?
16. What happened to Mardonius' forces in Greece after Xerxes left?
17. What finally happened to the Persian invasion?
18. How did the Greeks achieve victory in the Battle of Salamis despite being outnumbered?
19. What impact did the Battle of Salamis have on the morale of the Greek city-states?

**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 reasons the Persians lost the Battle of Salamis?*