**Intro to Rome Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Aeneas, Romulus, and the founding of Rome - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-intro-to-rome-reading/)

1. Who were the twin brothers in the traditional founding myth of Rome?
2. Who is the author of the Aeneid and what does this poem narrate?
3. How did the ancient Romans use the story of Aeneas to legitimize their empire?
4. What is the story of Romulus and Remus?
5. What were the "seven hills of Rome" and what do they indicate about the city's development?
6. What was the Roman Forum and what was its purpose?
7. Who were the seven kings of Rome, and what is the consensus of modern historians regarding their existence?
8. What event led to the establishment of the Roman Republic?
9. Describe the two main institutions that held power during the Roman Republic.
10. Who were the patricians and plebeians in the Roman Republic?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*What were the major stages in the early history of Rome?*