**Battle of Cannae Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[How did Hannibal win the Battle of Cannae? - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-cannae-reading/)

1. In which year did the Battle of Cannae occur?
2. What conflict was the Battle of Cannae a part of?
3. Who commanded the Roman army during the Battle of Cannae?
4. Before the Battle of Cannae, where had Hannibal achieved major victories?
5. Who was appointed as a dictator to delay Hannibal's advance?
6. How did Fabius attempt to slow Hannibal's advance?
7. What strategic ploy involving oxen did Hannibal use to trick the Romans?
8. Why were new consuls elected to replace Fabius?
9. Where did Hannibal set up his winter camp before the Battle of Cannae?
10. How did Hannibal use the geography to his advantage in his battle formation?
11. Where did Hannibal position himself during the battle?
12. What stages did the Battle of Cannae unfold in?
13. Who was the consul that died in the Battle of Cannae?
14. How did Rome change its strategy after the Battle of Cannae?
15. Who was the young Roman who escaped the Battle of Cannae and would later play a key role in defeating Hannibal?
16. What is the significance of Hannibal's victory at Cannae in military history?
17. In which battle did Scipio eventually defeat Hannibal?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*Why did the Romans lose the Battle of Cannae?*