**Overview of the Republic Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The Roman Republic summarised - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-republic-overview-reading/)

1. Who is believed to have founded the Roman Republic according to legend?
2. Who were the Etruscans and how did they influence Rome?
3. Who was the first king of Rome?
4. When was the Roman Republic founded and what led to its establishment?
5. Who was Lucius Junius Brutus in the context of Roman history?
6. What were the two key institutions in the Roman Republic and what roles did they serve?
7. Describe the Punic Wars and their impact on Rome.
8. How did the Roman Republic respond to social unrest between the plebeians and the patricians?
9. Who were the Gracchi brothers and what was their impact on Roman politics?
10. Who were the optimates and the populares, and what did they represent in Roman politics?
11. Who was Sulla and what precedent did he set in Roman politics?
12. What was the First Triumvirate and who were its members?
13. How did Julius Caesar come to be declared the dictator of Rome?
14. What happened after Caesar's assassination?
15. Who was the first Roman Emperor and how did he come to power?
16. What marked the end of the Roman Republic and the beginning of the Roman Empire?
17. What was the pax Romana and who was it under?
18. How did Rome change during the reign of Augustus?
19. What was the main change in Rome's government structure with the rise of the Roman Empire?

**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 main differences between Rome as a republic and an empire?*