**Claudius Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Emperor Claudius summarised - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-claudius-reading/)

1. During what years did Claudius rule Rome as emperor?
2. What was Claudius doing when he was declared emperor?
3. How as Claudius related to the previous emperor, Caligula?
4. What was Claudius’ first act as emperor?
5. What did Claudius build at Ostia?
6. Which region did Claudius lead his armies in conquering?
7. Why did Claudius have 35 senators and 400 other people killed?
8. Who did Claudius expel from the city of Rome?
9. Who had immense influence over emperor Claudius?
10. Why did Claudius’ wife, Messalina, die?
11. Who did Claudius marry after Messalina’s death?
12. Who did Claudius adopt in order to become his heir?
13. How did Claudius die?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*What difficulties did Claudius experience while trying to use his power as emperor?*