**Rise of the Church Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The first 1000 years of the Church explained - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-rise-of-the-church-reading/)

1. Who is considered to be the founder of Christianity?
2. During which emperor's reign were Christians scapegoated for the Great Fire of Rome?
3. What major branch of Christianity developed in the West?
4. Who was considered to be the head of the early Christian church?
5. What were the roles of priests in the early Christian church?
6. Which emperor is credited with making Christianity a legal religion within the Roman Empire?
7. What was the Edict of Milan?
8. When did Christianity become the official religion of the Roman Empire?
9. Who was tasked with translating the Bible into Latin, the official language of the Roman Empire?
10. How did the Catholic Church impact society during the early Middle Ages?
11. What is the significance of Saint Benedict in the context of monasteries in the early Middle Ages?
12. How did the conversion of kings and rulers aid the spread of Christianity during the 5th to the 8th centuries AD?
13. Who was crowned as the Holy Roman Emperor by the Pope in AD 800?
14. What was the purpose of the First Crusade declared by Pope Urban II in AD 1095?
15. What does 'excommunication' mean in the context of the Catholic Church?
16. What was the Inquisition established by Pope Innocent III in AD 1184?
17. What were 'tithes' in the context of the Catholic Church's economic power during the early Middle Ages?
18. How does the structure of the Roman Empire influence the current structure of the Catholic Church?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in your reading, write a paragraph answer to the following question:

*How did the Christian Church* [*change*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/change-and-continuity/) *between the 1st and 10th century AD?*