**11th Century World Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[An overview of the 11th Century World - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-11th-century-world-reading/)

1. Who were the founders of the Abbasid Caliphate?
2. What was the significance of Baghdad in the Abbasid Caliphate?
3. What led to the decline of the Abbasid Caliphate by the 11th century?
4. Who founded the Fatimid Caliphate, and how did it get its name?
5. What territories did the Fatimid Caliphate encompass at its height?
6. Who were the Seljuk Turks?
7. Which significant battle did the Seljuk Turks win against the Byzantine Empire, and when did this happen?
8. Who founded the Byzantine Empire, and when?
9. What was the political landscape in Western Europe following the destruction of the Western Roman Empire?
10. Who were the Normans, and which country did they conquer in the 11th century?
11. What were some consequences of the Norman Conquest of England?
12. What was the role of the Catholic Church in Western Europe during this period?
13. What was the nature of the relationship between the separate kingdoms in Western Europe and the Pope?
14. What were the Peace of God movements, and what was their goal?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*Why could neither the Islamic world nor the world of Western Europe be described as unified entities in the 11th century AD?*