**12th Century Crusades Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The Second, Third and Fourth Crusades Explained - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-12th-century-crusades-reading/)

1. What was the main goal of the Crusades?
2. When did the First Crusade occur and what was its outcome?
3. Name the four Crusader states set up after the First Crusade.
4. Who was Zengi and what was his role in the Crusades?
5. Who called for the Second Crusade and why?
6. What was the main reason for the failure of the Second Crusade?
7. Who were Nur ad-Din and Saladin and what were their roles in the Crusades?
8. Describe the events of the Battle of Hattin.
9. What happened after Saladin recaptured Jerusalem?
10. Who led the main armies in the Third Crusade?
11. How did the Third Crusade end?
12. Why was the Fourth Crusade called for?
13. What was the key strategic shift made by the leaders of the Fourth Crusade?
14. What was the outcome of the Fourth Crusade?
15. What were some of the long-term impacts of the Crusades on European society?

**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 various reasons later crusades failed?*