**Catherine the Great Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Catherine the Great: A tale of political ambition, forbidden love, and scandalous decisions - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/catherine-the-great-reading/)

1. When and where was Catherine the Great born?
2. What was Catherine's birth name?
3. How did Catherine become part of the Russian royal family?
4. What were some of the challenges Catherine faced in her early years in Russia?
5. How did Catherine seize power from her husband?
6. What was Catherine's approach to governance known as, and what did it aim to achieve?
7. What was the Legislative Commission of 1767, and what was its purpose?
8. How did Catherine's reforms impact the nobility and urban administration?
9. What was Catherine's stance on serfdom?
10. What were some of Catherine's military campaigns and foreign policy decisions?
11. How did Catherine work to modernize the Russian military?
12. Who were some of Catherine's significant personal relationships, and how did they influence her rule?
13. How did Catherine's relationship with her son, Paul I, affect her rule and succession?
14. When and how did Catherine die?
15. How did Catherine's son, Paul I, differ from her in terms of governance?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*Why was Catherine called ‘the Great’?*